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U of T, Bar-Ilan computer link

Get the Talmud on-line

By
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TORONTO —

A new computer link between the University of Toronto and Israel's Bar-Ilan University is streamlining the study of classical Jewish texts.

U of T recently became the first educational institution outside Israel to

obtain on-line access to the Global Jewish Database at the Israeli university. It is available through U of T's Centre for Computing in the Humanities.

The database — one of the largest in the world — contains the Bible, the Babylonian Talmud, 250 volumes of Rabbinic Responsa, the Code of

Maimonides, the mid-rashic Literature and the major medieval Biblical Commentaries. About two dozen scholars and Jewish community members have already used the free service which offers quick complex searches in Hebrew.

"You can imagine with 70 to 100 million words, what it's like to discover one piece of information," says Ian Lancashire, the centre's director.

"It's impossible — you couldn't possibly do it. But in the Global Jewish Database, with one command typed in you can have the answer."

tions;" develop a "plan for improvement of existing relations between the CSQ and AJCS;" and "initiate an ongoing process of dialogue."

The "functional responsibilities" of the respective organizations will also be examined.

The CSQ, a member of agency of AJCS, is the official spokesman for Quebec's Sephardi community. The AJCS and CSQ presidents are Peter Wolkove and Lucien Benarrosh, respectively.

Lancashire said U of T decided to subscribe to the service because it is a tremendous source of information to the university and Jewish community.

It is also useful to religious study departments at places like York University.

Two professors — John Corbett, a U of T religious studies professor, and Marty Lockshin, a York University humanities and linguistics professor — also pushed for the database.

The text-retrieval system

takes 5 seconds to respond when a command is punched into the Centre for Computing in the Humanities' terminal at U of T's Roberts Library.

During that time a message is transmitted and returned from Bar-Ilan University on a long distance telephone line that costs approximately \$1 a minute.

The Global Jewish Database has its roots in Bar-Ilan's innovative "Responsa Project," which was conceived by Prof. Aviezer Fraenkel in 1966.

Headed by Prof. Yaacov Choueka since 1975, the project's goal was to research ways computer technologies could be applied to the study of rabbinical Responsa literature.

In 1974 it became the main research project of Bar-Ilan's Institute for Information Retrieval and Computational Linguistics. In 1983 a large endowment fund, set up by a U.S. group of Friends of Bar-Ilan, expanded the project into the computerized Global Jewish Database.

The Bar-Ilan Centre for Computers and Jewish Heritage was soon created to expand the database, design software, disseminate information and develop educational applications.

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Ida Nudel to visit

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —

Ida Nudel will visit Canada in the spring as part of a North American tour.

During a meeting in Israel, Nudel promised Wendy Litwack, co-chairman of the Committee for Soviet Jewry of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, that she would present the 8th annual Ida Nudel Humanitarian Award — an award sponsored by the committee and the Ontario Legislature Committee for Soviet Jewry — at Queen's Park.

"After the new year, we will set a definite date," Litwack said, adding that although the event was held in May last year, "we'll present the award whenever it's good for her."

Montrealers join "who is Jew" debate

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

Two Montreal religious bodies have joined Toronto's Vaad Harabonim in protesting Canadian Jewish Congress' decision to call for no changes to Israel's Law of Return.

The proposed amendment, if enacted, could nullify the "Jewish" status of individuals seeking to make aliya who are not converted strictly "according to halacha."

In a letter sent to CJC president Dorothy Reitman, the Rabbinical Council of America, Quebec Region, composed predominantly of congregation rabbis, urged Congress to "avoid statements that are likely to increase division in the community."

The letter, signed by RCA Quebec Region president Rabbi Howard Joseph, says that "although some of our members are in agreement with the position taken (by CJC), they believe that it was inappropriate for Congress to comment on this matter because it was an internal Israeli problem and is a potentially divisive religious issue."

For the sake of Jewish unity, which Congress has historically "been helpful in maintaining," it should "return to its mission as representative body of Canadian Jewry."

A much more strongly worded statement was issued by Rabbi Harry Kaufman on behalf of the Vaad Harabonim of the Vaad

Ha'ir (The Jewish Community Council of Montreal) after the Vaad Ha'ir's annual conference.

The statement "sharply protests the involvement and political pressure brought to bear by the Canadian Jewish Congress and the United Israel Appeal of Canada on the government of Israel, regarding the 'Who is a Jew' issue."

Kaufman charged that the "movement against amending the Law of Return to define conversions as being valid only when conforming to halacha stems from a political tactic by one of the political parties in Israel in an effort to win greater financial support from the organizations, such as the above, in North America."

"The stance taken by these organizations simply does not reflect the opinion and beliefs of Canadian Jewry."

The result has been that a "number of deliberate distortions of the facts have become commonplace in the Anglo-Jewish media," including the impression that an amended Law would alienate non-Orthodox Jews.

"This is simply false," Kaufman said in the statement. "Halacha recognizes all Jews as being equal, regardless of affiliation."

The statement concludes: "The issue at stake is conversion. Indeed it is only conversion according to halacha which has been historically recognized and universally accepted by the Jewish people that has unit-

ed and sustained us in the past."

Rabbi Joseph Krupnick, the Vaad Ha'ir's executive director, told The CJC that the organization initially deferred from addressing the issue.

The Vaad in Toronto, unlike Montreal, is part of the Congress structure, Krupnick said, and it was felt that the religious community's position in Montreal could best be expressed through the RCA statement.

"The feeling was that since the (RCA) pulpit Rabbis have more contact with Congress leadership, they should be at the forefront," Krupnick said.

That changed when the issue was broached at the Vaad's annual conference, which is open to the public. It compelled the Vaad to formulate and present a position on the issue, Krupnick said. "Since we were pulled into it, we had to give a reply."

At writing, a meeting was expected to take place between RCA and CJC leadership to discuss the issue.

In a message to the Montreal delegation of Allied Jewish Community Services attending last week's General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations, Montreal Chief Rabbi P. Hirschprung calls on Gordon Brown, a member of the delegation, to "use your influence in every way possible to dissuade the

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No choice claimed for religious party

MONTREAL —

Israel's influential National Religious Party must support the initiative to amend Israel's Law of Return, even though "politically, I would rather it not be brought up," says the secretary-general of the world Mizrahi movement (Mizrahi Hapoel-Hamizrachi Organization).

"Personally, I think the issue of who is a Jew is no business of the Knesset," Yitzchak Pessin told an audience at the Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem synagogue.

The problems that would arise by adding the phrase "according to halacha" to conversions to "guarantee" the Jewishness of an oleh are manifold, Pessin said.

"Once you add 'according to halacha,' you have to define that," he said, and secular courts will end up being the final arbiter as to what halacha intended.

On the other hand, it would be "difficult" for the Orthodox NRP, the politically powerful arm of the Mizrahi movement and advocate of "Torah and avodah" religious Zionism, to vote against the initiative in light of longstanding commitment by other Orthodox elements to press for it.

"The Lubavitcher Rebbe has been pushing (for the amendment) for years," Pessin said, "so we didn't want to look against it." Israel's ultra-Orthodox Shas Party sponsored the move to amend the Law of Return.

The "Mi yehudi" (Who is a Jew) question, Pessin charges, has been exploited by secular elements in Israel, including the "left-wing, the media, and anti-religious groups," to a point to what they believe to be a frightening dominance of Orthodox influence in an ostensibly secular state.

In Pessin's view, Israel should not be a "secular, Western democratic state." "It's a Jewish state, and there has to be something Jewish about it," including Shabbat laws, and religious laws governing marriage, divorce, and kashruth.

"What would the difference be between us and any other state, except that there are a bunch of Jews living there," Pessin asked.

Through education programs, Mizrahi promotes "trying to develop a Jewish state, not a state of Jews," while not rejecting the right of any Jew, observant or not, to

reside in the Jewish homeland.

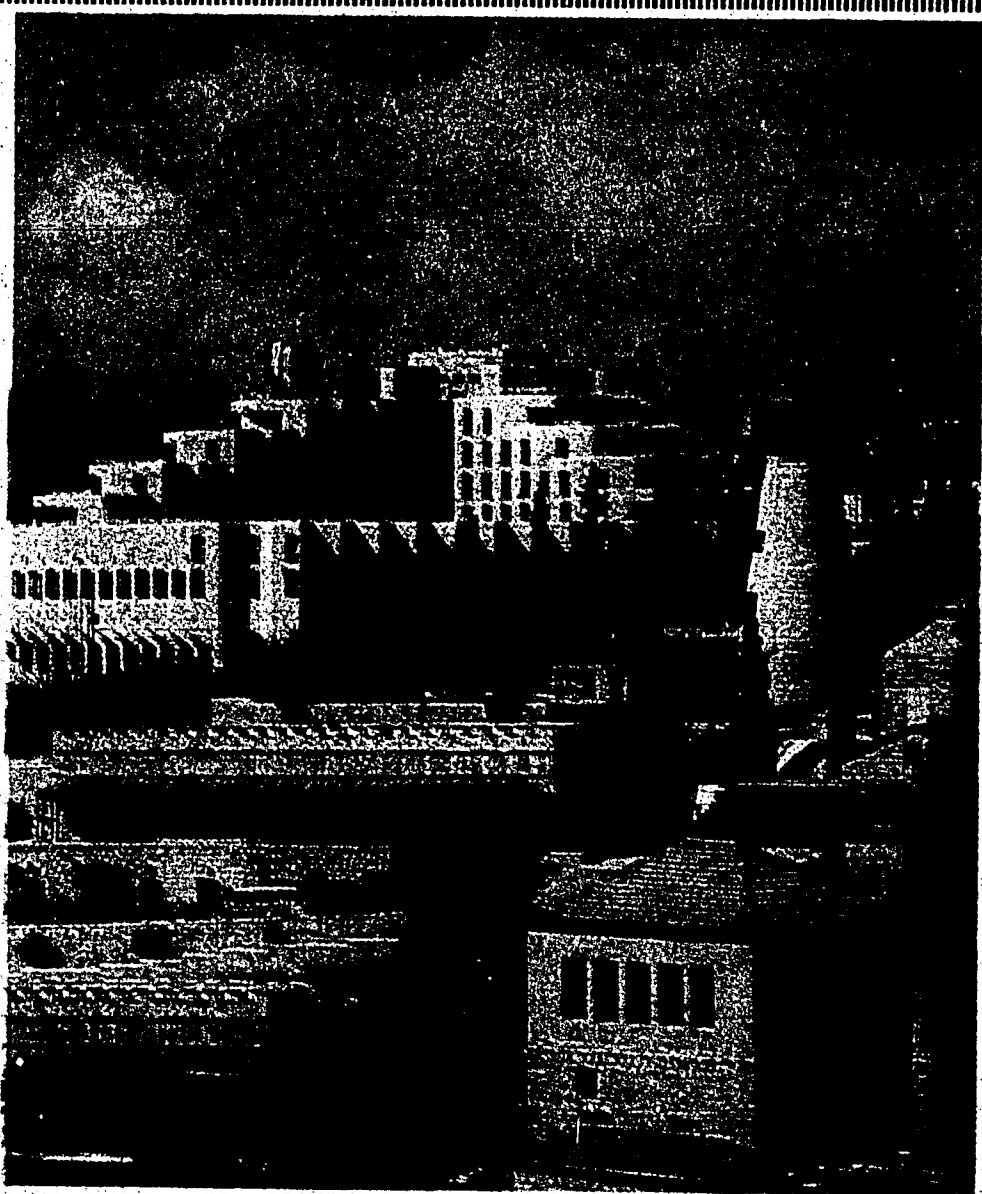
Mizrachi, he stated, is often "stuck in the middle" in this regard, promoting religious observance and Zionism on the one hand tempered with tolerance towards even the most secular of Israelis.

As far as Pessin is concerned, the whole issue of pluralism is a canard conceived by "problem Jews" in North America. He says they're using the "who is a Jew" issue to launch a larger secularist agenda through a small but vocal minority of "left-wing allies" in Israel.

Nonetheless, he stressed that Mizrahi will continue to remain faithful to its mandate embracing the concept of aliya "for all the Jewish people," regardless of the degree of religious observance.

However, "building an Eretz Yisrael according to the Torah of Israel" through political influence and religious strength and through educational policies remains Mizrahi's steadfast objective.

Above all, Mizrahi is striving for "Jewish unity," Pessin said. "With unity, Israel will go in its proper and clear direction."



ELEGANT LIFE

The Laromme Jerusalem Hotel graces the cover of the latest edition of The Elegant Life magazine in this week's issue of The Canadian Jewish News.

World-National

Broadcast strike can't faze Israelis

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Imagine all radio and TV stations suddenly to be silent. What impact would that have on your life? Hard to imagine? Well, all you have to do is look to Israel where at this writing (Nov. 13) the electronic media have been silent for over a month.

The reason is a strike by employees for a 30% wage increase. The strikers were sure they had the upper hand, because the Israeli public — more than any in the world — has long been hooked on their product, and on news broadcasts in particular.



Rabbi Plaut

The habit stems back to the many wars and other crises through which the little country has passed, and life and death were at stake. For years, every hour on the hour people were glued to the news, and this was a habit they craved to satisfy in public places as well. You'd ride a bus and suddenly everyone would fall silent: the news was on. You were out shopping — no matter: all you had to do was to enter a shop and likely you'd be treated to the hourly medicine. Nightly at 9 o'clock "Mabat" had a majority of the country's population assembled before their TV sets to watch the day's happenings played out before their eyes.

So, the striking workers had every reason to believe that an electronic strike would have the people screaming for news and bring a reluctant government around to meeting their demands. Only it didn't happen!

After the initial shock of enduring a glaring-and-blinking silence, the public started to like it. They suddenly found that they had been overloaded with information, and that much of this information glut had its own deleterious dynamism. Electronic journalist first gave some basic political news featuring one politician's view; an hour later there was a reaction from the other side and an hour after that a reaction to the reaction. And so on. What in the morning had been something ordinary which, without news coverage, would likely have been forgotten by nightfall or rated only a small byline in the next day's printed press had become a crisis 24 hours later. Journalists fed on politicians, and politicians on journalists. Something new had to be reported on the hour, and that very demand bred its own escalation.

Info-overload

Now, with the info-overload being taken away there was a palpable lessening of public crises. People started to reason that if something truly critical had happened they'd learn about it anyway, and that therefore no news was good news. It also sharply decreased their intake of negative news: terrorists, bombings, catastrophes, accidents, and all the large and little things that make headline news, were temporarily absent, and if the event was significant enough one could always read it in the afternoon or morning papers.

The tension barometer of the country went down perceptibly, and the accident rate on the highways — among the highest in the world — decreased also. People are reading more; video cassettes have had brisk sales and so have satellite dishes; the Army station still broadcasts and the Arab stations around Israel's borders have increased their Hebrew language output. But the electronic information cycle was effectively broken and that must give analysts much to think about.

News is in many ways a commodity like everything else. To market it successfully requires that the buying public must be stimulated to want the product. Constant news broadcasting provides that stimulus, and without it there is very little that seems so utterly urgent that one has to know it at once. The worst that can happen is that one has the wait for the newspaper, where in addition to headlines there is usually, and especially on weekends, reflective and interpretive comment.

It will be interesting to see whether, once the strike is over, the Israeli public will go back to its former habit of making news listening its regular pastime. And the longer the electronic silence lasts, the greater the opportunities for studying its social effects.

Hope to repeal "Zionism is racism"

Progress seen on UN resolution

By
YITZHAK RABI

NEW YORK (JTA) — Israeli and American diplomats as well as American Jewish leaders say that many of the countries that supported the 1975 United Nations General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism would not support it today.

But most also agree that there is not yet a majority to repeal Resolution 3379.

In an acrimonious session on Nov. 10, 1975, the General Assembly reached what is considered by many UN watchers an unprecedented peak in the on-going assault against the Jewish state. It adopted the Arab-sponsored resolution declaring that "Zionism is a form of racism and racial discrimination."

The vote was 72 in favor, 35 against with 32 abstentions and three absent. The Arabs and their allies in the Communist bloc and developing world rejoiced.

The results would no doubt be different today. Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that a number of countries that voted for the resolution have pledged to vote in favor of any new resolution that would repeal the Zionism-is-racism declaration. He declined to name any of them.

The Israeli envoy said that in recent years Israeli diplomats have carried the campaign against the resolution to the capitals of many countries in an effort to convince their governments of the urgency Israel attaches to combating the anti-Zionism resolution.

A major ally in that effort is the United States. Only a few days ago, President Reagan sent a letter to Morris Abram, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, pledging the United States would continue to fight against the resolution "until it is repealed."

"I know that the day will come when the United Nations rights the wrong that it committed," the President assured Abram.

Vernon Walters, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, disclosed recently that he is "considering the idea of introducing a resolution that will repeal the Zionism-is-racism resolution." Walters told the JTA that he has sent a letter to UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar at the beginning of each session of the General Assembly in September protesting the resolution.

Diplomats, scholars and Jewish leaders point out that the resolution is extremely harmful to Israel and the Jewish people as a whole. According to Philip Lax, chairman of the International Council of B'nai B'rith, the resolution became "the centrepiece of a campaign to delegitimize

the policies of the State of Israel and, beyond those policies, the very right of the Jewish people to have a state at all."

Harris Schoenberg, director of B'nai B'rith's UN department, contends that "by equating the political aspirations and achievements of the Jewish people (Zionism) with the qualities deemed most repugnant in UN circles (racism), Zionism's detractors managed to bring the Jewish ideology of redemption into disrepute with states and peoples far removed from the Arab conflict with Israel."

"This was particularly

true in Black Africa, but 3379 also had an effect on other shores. In Europe, it served as a counterthrust to Holocaust memories. As played out in the United States, the Zionism-is-racism resolution was calculated to drive a wedge between Jews and Blacks."

Schoenberg told JTA that several countries that abstained in 1975 have indicated their willingness to change their position in favor of Zionism if a resolution to repeal 3379 were introduced in the General Assembly.

In Schoenberg's view, diplomatic efforts should continue in order to con-

vince the governments of the countries which abstained in 1975 to join the U.S.-Israeli camp.

He mentioned Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Greece, Japan, Peru, Singapore, Togo, Trinidad and Zaire, among others, as countries likely to reverse their position on the resolution and vote for its repeal.

Diplomats note that the Arab countries, although still powerful at the United Nations, have lost much of their clout in the last decade. In 1975, shortly after the 1973 Yom Kippur War and the oil crisis, the Arabs exerted their power

over African countries and others, demanding that they break off their diplomatic relations with Israel.

They did, but many have resumed those ties with Israel in recent years and others have maintained commercial ties.

In addition, a major Arab country, Egypt, signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1979.

Egypt has indicated it would not now support 3379. In fact, Egypt was a major force at the UN conference on women in Nairobi in July 1985 in killing attempts to criticize Zionism in the conference's final document.

Fatal Attraction film offers both sexes food for thought

By
RICHARD COHEN

WASHINGTON —

A week after it was released, the movie *Fatal Attraction* became the nation's No. 1 box-office hit. Little wonder. The movie features Glenn Close and Michael Douglas, is redolent with sex, and scary enough to make women shriek in their seats and cause a friend of mine, a World War II combat veteran, to have a post-cinema nightmare. The film's ultimate nightmare, though, is for the women's movement.

That, I hasten to add, is not the way some women see it. The movie, after all, is about a married lawyer (Douglas) who has a brief but oh-so-passionate affair with a successful career woman (Close); a book editor — not to mention psychopath. For Douglas, a few hours of heaven becomes weeks of hell — the kind that hath no fury like a woman scorned. Here is the peril of the one-night stand, a morality tale for men as women would like to tell it.

For men, too, the picture has resonance. It suggests the old aphorism: Never eat at a place called Mom's, play poker with a man named Doc, or sleep with a woman crazier than you are. Many men have done the latter, although few with the complicating and tragic consequences that befall Douglas. At any rate, for a slick film, there is food for thought here for both sexes. Where AIDS cautions, *Fatal Attraction* screams "Stop!"

And yet the movie says something else. It totally reverses the stereotype of recent years. Instead of the career woman being the one who has it all (a terrific job, a sensational apartment and the freedom to sexually engage at whim), it is the non-working wife-cum-mother who is the paragon of mature womanhood. Played by Anne Archer, she exudes contentedness, serenity and, in the end, a formidable strength. She is complete unto herself.

A movie is just a movie and too much should not be made of it. It's doubtful that the makers of *Fatal Attraction* were attempting to make a statement about feminism. But in the same way that Rambo was in synch with the Tarzan ethic of the Reagan years, this movie seems to have struck a cultural chord. Its very premise — the fulfilled wife-mother, the unfulfilled and (therefore?) crazy career woman — might well have been rejected just several years ago.

In fact, so acceptable is the stereotype of the

successful-yet-wacky career woman that the audience has swallowed it as easily as popcorn. Never mind that it's a contradiction in terms. After all, aside from running Bates Motel, could a psychopath actually become successful in business? Probably not. Conversely, could a bright, educated woman be totally fulfilled playing with a pre-schooler by day and accompanying her husband to cocktail parties by night? Again, probably not. This, though, is the way both women are portrayed.

The problem with the movie is, in a way, the problem with all movements and counter-movements. There is an absolutist quality to them — a kind of either/or mentality. In movies, this is understandable because a film script is usually too slight a vehicle to shoulder ambiguity. That's too bad because lots of people look to movies for role models. But in a movement, such simplicity can be even more disastrous since it exists to point the way. It asserts the Truth.

Just a short time ago women were told to follow the career path. A job, a title, a couple of dressed-for-success suits and a stock broker's card on the Rolodex would add up to fulfillment. When that turned out to be not always the case, a counter-prescription was offered: Stay home, stay pregnant and, in the process, stay happy. This is the chirpy advice of anti-feminists.

Neither path is either right or wrong. What's right for one woman may be wrong for another and, just to make things more complicated, right at one age and wrong at another. But none is a panacea — a ticket to happiness. Yet, the reaction to the women's movement (some of it valid) has gone so far as to proclaim the status quo ante as a heaven that can be reclaimed. It makes no allowance for the increasingly higher educational levels of women, birth control and, of course, the well-documented misery of women who once had to follow the only path open to them: wife and mother.

For both men and women, the challenge is to re-invent the way we live, to grope for the proper mix, to live in the present while retaining an attentive respect for what worked in the past. But too much has changed and nostalgia, like "the other woman," is often an escape from reality. When it comes to proclaiming a path to happiness, it could be the most fatal attraction of them all.

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Receive Rebecca Sieff Award

Cotler, Lanzmann honored

By
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MONTREAL —

Prof. Irwin Cotler of McGill University received the second of two Rebecca Sieff Awards presented at the 32nd biennial convention of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO. Claude Lanzmann, producer of the Holocaust film epic Shoah, was the other recipient.

The award is the highest and most prestigious given by the national organization.

Cotler, who has been a professor of law at McGill since 1973, is most known for his human rights activities, especially on behalf of Soviet Jewry. He has been legal counsel to Soviet Prisoners of Conscience including Anatoly Scharansky, Joseph Begun, Ida Nudel and Vladimir Slepak as well as special counsel to the Human Rights Non-Governmental Organizations regarding the Belgrade, Madrid and Vienna Review of the Helsinki Final Act.

In presenting the award, Clara Balinsky, a Hadassah-WIZO honorary national president, called Cotler an "outstanding human being who deserves every accolade. He is totally dedicated to Israel and to the Jewish people."

Cotler told the audience at the 4-day convention's closing luncheon that "we meet at a time of historic juncture in Israeli history. We have the opportunity to make history." He was referring to the revisionists such as Ernst Zundel who claim that the Holocaust was a figment of distorted Jewish imagination, and stated that they "seek to deny our history and would, if they had a chance, seek to deny us our future."

He listed a number of tasks facing the Jewish community "if we are to make history as well as

redeem it." First was the repudiation and repeal of the Zionism is racism resolution of the United Nations. Calling the resolution repugnant, he said it is an "assault on the integrity of the United Nations."

Next he urged that the repeal of this resolution be made part of the agenda of women's rights, stating that "the agenda of women's rights must be the agenda of Jewish rights."

He added that bringing suspected war criminals to justice must be a priority for the Hadassah-WIZO Organization and for all Jews.

The last task is to act on behalf of Jews living in countries of oppression. He said that these Jews serve as a "litmus test" of oppression for all people, and told his audience that they have an "historic opportunity to make history" by participating in the demonstration on behalf of Soviet Jewry scheduled to take place in Washington.

On the previous day, Prof. Ruth Wisse, of the department of Jewish Studies at McGill University, presented the luncheon's keynote address on "Celebrating Zionism."

She said world Jewry was euphoric when Israel was declared a state 40 years ago even though it was evident that many Jews would be killed in the impending war with the Arabs. However, they believed that all that was required was "a war to prove our strength and then war would be over. There would be one more test of national strength and national will and then we would enjoy an unexceptional existence."

Jews also thought that the creation of the Jewish state would bring an end to anti-semitism. Everyone realized that Israel would continue to have enemies and that it would be required to maintain a strong defence of its borders, but that it would

nevertheless be like other countries.

But she said that anti-semitism is different than the normal defence against enemies. Calling it a disease, she said it's one which "affects not its carrier but the Jews. Anti-semitism holds the Jew responsible for things he did not do, for wells he did not poison, for a murdered son of God he cannot bring back to life, for things he cannot change because often they don't even exist."

"Anti-semitism pre-judges the Jew, creates of him an image that the Jew is powerless to effect," she continued. "Anti-semitism attacks Jews by a double standard. He can then be charged with criminality for doing common things like voting, buying and selling, eating and breathing — which other people do as a matter of course."

Wisse said that the creation of the Jewish homeland served to secure the image of the Jews. For 20 years, Israel enjoyed a period of grace in liberal public opinion. This has now come to an end, partially because of the creation of a powerful oil cartel, the precipitation of the world oil crisis and the realization by many countries that they had more to lose by alienating Arabs than they had to gain by befriending Israel.

She gave examples of how the picture of the Jews currently portrayed in the media is being changed and distorted from the once-heroic to the dishonorable.

She said that "our celebrations of Israel and of its place in Jewish history will henceforth be dampened by the awareness that it did not bring an end to anti-semitism after all, but will have to survive in spite of it."

Wisse urged her audience to "celebrate the reality of Israel, not the dream." She said that it's a reality that Israel is a state that must defend

itself militarily and that it's also a reality that Israel "has the continuing charity, generosity and wisdom to absorb hundreds of thousands of immigrants, granting them instant citizenship, helping them through most difficult processes of adjustment."

She concluded by stating that Israel's existence as a centre of Jewish learning, Jewish argument, Jewish experiment "adds immeasurably to our confidence in the Jewish future. It will take a different kind of wisdom and courage to be inspired by the reality of Israel. We will have to call on far greater, deeper resources within ourselves to express the love and devotion that we feel."

Another keynoter was Bernard Cherrick, vice-president of Hebrew University, who spoke on two separate occasions. On the first, he admonished the audience for looking at the negative side of Israel. Don't look at the Israelis who left, consider the millions who stayed; don't look at the religious fanatics who throw stones and get their funding from Canada and Borough Park, look at the yeshiva students who combine study with military service.

He asked them to consider Israelis like himself and his friends, who did not leave countries of oppression, but rather left good homes in order to make new lives in Israel. His next address was primarily about the Hebrew University, with which he has been affiliated since his arrival in Israel in 1948.

Cherrick admitted that the university is currently faced with grave economic problems, but optimistically added that "if we came through the troubles of 1947-48, we'll come through those of 1987-88."



Claude Lanzmann, producer of Shoah, accepts the Rebecca Sieff Award from honorary president Neri Bloomfield at the Canadian Hadassah-WIZO convention. [Jack Markow photo]

Filmmaker says Shoah tool against revisionists

MONTREAL —

French journalist Claude Lanzmann, who received the Rebecca Sieff Award from Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, said he made his widely hailed film Shoah to "force the world to look at the Holocaust with our eyes, with the Jewish outlook."

Speaking at the opening of the organization's biennial convention, Lanzmann said that in France Shoah is being used in the fight against revisionists who deny the Holocaust. Days before leaving for Montreal, Lanzmann said he participated in an ecumenical gathering in Lyons, attended by cardinals and archbishops of the Catholic

church, the head of the Protestant churches and the Chief Rabbi of France.

The religious leaders watched three hours of the 9½-hour Shoah and were addressed by Lanzmann. Afterward, they issued a joint statement against the extreme right-wing in France. All bishops of the Catholic church will also be obliged to see the film.

Lanzmann spent 11 years working on Shoah, shooting 350 hours of footage of interviews with survivors, persecutors and bystanders to the Holocaust and travelling to Germany, Poland, Israel and Greece.

Shoah made its world premiere 2½ years ago. It was shown in different ci-

ties in Canada, starting in Montreal, last year.

"I had one goal in making Shoah: to unite mankind," he said. "I didn't expect any award or reward, I was completely immersed in its creation. I didn't care the number of people who would see it... Now I understand why it reached so many people."

Especially gratifying to Lanzmann was the response from Israeli teenagers when Shoah had its premiere in Israel a year ago. "They told me that, for the first time, they understood really what happened."

Hadassah-WIZO honorary president Neri Bloomfield who made the presentation to Lanzmann said Shoah is "more than a documentary... it's a summons to the conscience of man." The film provides "the unanswerable argument for the establishment of the State of Israel," she added.

The inscription on the award, Hadassah-WIZO's highest citation, commends Lanzmann for "creating a living testimony commemorating the Holocaust." In presenting this award to Lanzmann, Bloomfield said, "We link the names of two people who have through their life's work given greater meaning to the imperishable saga of our people." Sieff was the founder of Hadassah-WIZO.

The organization has also established a scholarship in Lanzmann's name at the agricultural high school in Nahalal, Israel.

Hadassah lists elected officers

MONTREAL —

The following is the complete list of officers elected at the recent Canadian Hadassah-WIZO biennial convention:

Naomi Frankenburg (Vancouver) president; Buddy Kizell (Ottawa), Esther Matlow (Toronto), Bess Panar (Vancouver), Harriet Rodin (Winnipeg), Sophie Kettner (Calgary) and Faye Steinfeld (Montreal), vice-presidents; Freda Gasoi (Montreal), treasurer; Miriam Peletz (Montreal), financial secretary; Roslyn Mendelson (Toronto), recording secretary; Cori Friedman (Edmonton), corresponding secretary; and Sheila Her-

stein (Vancouver), Ilse Seetner (Toronto) and Diana Shadowitz (Montreal), general secretaries.

Shirlee Medjuck (Halifax), Paula Mendelsohn (Montreal), Irene Fink (Toronto), Charna Averbach (Winnipeg) and Ida Eichler (Calgary) became honorary vice-presidents. Cecily Peters (Toronto) is immediate past president.

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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Now that the leaders of 200 Welfare Funds and Federations have suggested it, should the Knesset listen to them and cease to discuss Who Is a Jew and the Law of Return?

In discussing the merits of the Earl of Eldon, a great Lord Chancellor of England, I find these words of appreciation:

"Lord Eldon was a remarkable man in that he attained so commanding a position, and yet had so few outstanding characteristics."

Except in law, he was unlearned. He never travelled, and was innocent of marked interest in literature, science, and art." Those words were written by the Earl of Birkenhead.



Rabbi Burak

If only we had such men in Jewish life today, all would be well. Today, men who are well travelled, well rested, skilled in golf and tennis, and in all the social graces, but innocent of marked interest in Torah law, give rulings that can destroy the vision of the prophets of Israel and the Jewish future.

Take a look at the celebrated case that brought the subject, Who is a Jew, before the Israeli courts. A young woman was converted to Judaism. Rabbi David Klein of Colorado Springs in the U.S. admitted her to the ranks of Israel with all the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining. Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz resigned his cabinet position rather than register her as a Jewess.

The court chose to follow Rabbi David Klein rather than Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz. Did they know all they had to know about the rabbi of Colorado Springs? A recent advertisement by the Toronto Board of Rabbis in The CJN advises us: Know Your Rabbi. What do we know about the rabbi who converted Miss Miller?

Let us agree that he was ordained by a seminary. Let it also be agreed that he is a member of a worldwide body of rabbis. But, what does he stand for? Does he honor halacha? His views are stated with admirable clarity in an article in Maariv, Israel's most popular secular daily paper, Friday, Jan. 9, 1987, page 14.

Maariv's New York reporter tells us how he received a telephone call from a man who said: "I have a scoop for you. David Klein, who converted Suzy Miller, officiates at mixed marriages. He unites Jews with Gentile women." The correspondent took note of the fact that his caller left out the title rabbi when talking about Klein.

He decided to check with Rabbi Klein, and Rabbi Klein confirmed that he officiates at mixed marriages, and that he operated outside the framework of halacha. He viewed mixed marriages as "new blood for Judaism." In such a marriage "the Christian side will guard the flame."

More than 40 years have passed since I wrote to, and received a letter from, Chief Rabbi J. H. Hertz z.l. on intermarriage. That sage believed that his commentary on the Torah might stem the tide. It did not. Today, we can hear a young teen make this statement, and it's a picture of the results of intermarriage:

"I'm rich and I'm poor. I'm white and I'm Black. I'm Jewish and I'm Christian. And I'm the most mixed up kid in this city." On this basis, one must conclude that a man who officiates at mixed marriages has no right to convert non-Jews to Judaism.

The judge who was nominated for the Supreme Court of the U.S. asked for his name to be withdrawn, once it was learned that he smoked pot a number of years ago. Were he still to smoke pot, he couldn't be a judge.

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"Commitment to continuity"

Rabbi predicts Jewish renaissance

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

Will our grandchildren be Jewish?

If the answer is yes, contends Rabbi Reuven Kimelman, the keynote plenum speaker at the Canadian Hadassah-WIZO 32nd biennial convention, it's only because two cardinal events in the last 50 years reversed historical momentum.

The Holocaust and the birth of the State of Israel, says Kimelman, the chief Program Associate at the National Jewish Centre for Learning and Leadership (CLAL), has produced a generation of Jews who do not separate their private and public personae.

This was not the case through history, said the Brandeis University Talmud professor.

With the granting of civil rights to Jews, the most prominent, visible Jews "were the Jews least visibly Jewish." It was thought that in the modern nation state, Jews, in public at least, should demonstrate what good citizens they could become.

The result was a dichotomy, said Kimelman. In public, Jewish professionals went out of their way to display how they could be a non-threatening part of the majority culture, while continuing to be "Jewish" in family life. The image they wanted to

purvey was, "we are not different. We walk and talk like you."

Kimelman said the prevailing notion, well into the 20th century, was "be a Jew at home and a gentleman on the streets."

But it was a double-edged sword.

Although Jews achieved unprecedented economic and social success and acceptance, that very achievement sent a message to young people that the best route to take was to play down one's Jewishness: "With visibility came vulnerability."

That myth was dispelled by the Holocaust. It quickly became evident that how "Jewishly" one conducted oneself in public meant little to the Nazis, Kimelman said.

And ironically, Jewish hesitancy in the U.S. to lobby publicly for American bombing of the rail lines to concentration camps because of the ongoing low-profile mentality unknowingly contributed to the death tally.

The attitude has gradually shifted since Israel was founded. A Jewish state allowed Jewishness "to go public," to be a majority culture in and of itself.

And the effect on the North American Jew visiting Israel was "mind-boggling," Kimelman said. "They went as a psychological minority, and came back with a public mentality. Israel liberated the impulses and



House of Commons Speaker John Fraser leads Lily Frank, executive vice-president, and Cecily Peters, outgoing president, in the Nova Scotia reel at a celebration of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO's 70th anniversary. [Jack Markow photo]

spurred a revolution in Jewish public life."

Although vestiges of the old mind-set still remain in senior segments of the community, the new generation of Jewish leadership has no qualms about asserting their Jewishness both in the public and private arenas. "We are now the first generation to reverse the process of attrition," he said.

The Six Day War in 1967, in particular, served as a catalyst in this regard, Kimelman believes. For the first time, North American Jews rallied together en masse and in public on behalf of the Jewish state.

Now, the notion of Jews lobbying together for causes and the issue of "dual-loyalty" is not a problem because, Kimel-

man explained, "Jews now feel there is no dual loyalty between justice and injustice."

Watershed moment in next century

Moreover, the new public Jewish face has spurred a new-found "commitment to (Jewish) continuity."

Kimelman's faith in the Jewish future stands in stark contrast to a Look Magazine survey taken in

1964. It predicted that by the 21st century, Jewish life in the U.S. would be extinguished by intermarriage, low reproduction rates, and increasing levels of divorce.

Kimelman acknowledged that the beginning of the next century will mark a watershed moment in Jewish life. It will test a generation of Jews whose grandparents were native North Americans, in a community where parents and grandparents from Eastern Europe played a part in fostering Jewish religious identity.

However, he is optimistic. With the trend to openly assert one's Jewishness without compunction, Kimelman said, "I think North American Jewry can create a cultural renaissance."

Attewell urges pressure on Soviets

MONTREAL —

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney will likely visit the Soviet Union within the next six to nine months, and human rights will be on his agenda, Conservative Member of Parliament Bill Attewell said at the recent biennial convention of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO.

Attewell, who represents the Toronto riding of Don Valley East, is chairman of the Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry. He was keynote speaker at an interfaith prayer breakfast for Soviet Jewry during the convention.

Attewell said he was recently criticized in the Soviet newspaper Pravda for his activities and referred to as "the defender of the Jews" by its editor. The MP was described as being accusatory and threatening during his meeting in Ottawa recently with a 4-member Soviet delegation, among them the editor of Pravda.

Attewell said he was admonished during the meeting for rudeness because of his questions about the Soviet Union's treatment of its Jews.

He repeated a statement in the House of Commons urging caution "before we overly applaud" the Soviet Union for the release of high-profile Refuseniks like Ida Nudel. "Let us realize that many more are

still waiting to leave."

Attewell was a member of a parliamentary delegation which met with Jewish activists in the Soviet Union last spring. He said the Canadians had to make their calls from payphones because those in the hotel were bugged.

Despite Soviet claims to the contrary, Attewell said recent changes in the procedure for securing exit visas have made it more difficult to obtain them. Jews must have close relatives in Israel in order to get permission to emigrate there and have a wider circle of people approving their departure than in the past, he said.

Attewell told of one man's papers being held up for lack of a signature from his stepmother who lived thousands of kilometres away and whom he had not seen for 10 years.

He stated that there is "no question" that anti-Semitism and religious persecution still exist in the Soviet Union.

He urged continued pressure on the Soviet Union to improve its human rights record; the poor state of its economy makes the Soviet Union vulnerable to outside opinion.

Others attending the breakfast included Rev. Alexander Farquhar of Westmount's St. Andrews-Dominion Douglas United Church, chairman of the

Interfaith Task Force for Soviet Jewry; Father Barry Jones, chairman of its board of advisors; Canon Daniel Fleming, regional dean of the Laurentians for the Anglican Church of Canada; Sister Cecile Lefebvre of the Sion order; Rabbi Reuben Poupko, of Beth Israel Beth Aaron Congregation; Barbara

Stern, chairman of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry; and Paul Warshawsky and Jacob Epstein Benedek, representatives of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry.

Poupko predicted that 50 or 100 years from now students of history will look at the Jews currently behind the Iron Cur-

tain as heroes and wonder where their courage and spirit came from.

The rabbi observed that the word Hebrew comes from "Ivrit," which means "one side."

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World-National

U.S. Congressional report on Iran-Contra affair:

Arms-for-hostages exchange was Israel's idea

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

The long-awaited Congressional report on the Iran-Contra affair has concluded that Israel originally came up with the idea of exchanging arms to Iran for American hostages in Lebanon. Israel has maintained that it became involved in the arrangement only at the request of the United States.

The report, however, accepted Israel's contention that ousted National Security Council staffer Oliver North — and not Israel — initiated the idea of actually diverting profits from the Iranian arms sales to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua. North has maintained that Israel came up with that proposal.

The 431-page majority report, released Nov. 18, was relatively mild in its overall criticism of Israel's involvement in the affair. It charged that "the ultimate responsibility" must rest with President Ronald Reagan.

The separate 259-page Republican minority report was considerably less critical of the President's role. At the same time, it was harsher in challenging Israel's version of the origin of the diversion scheme.

It basically accepted North's sworn testimony that Amiram Nir, the counterterrorism advisor to Prime Minister Shimon Peres, had concocted the scheme in early January 1986.

Both reports relied heavily on an official Israeli historical chronology which had been submitted late last summer to the joint House-Senate panel. The report's preface noted that the committees had received "unprecedented cooperation from a sovereign nation, the State of Israel. Although not willing to allow its officials to be examined, the government of Israel assembled and furnished the committees with extensive materials and information, including information affecting its national security."

Democratic Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, the chairman of the senate panel, warmly praised Israel for cooperating with the Congressional investigation. He said Israel made very secret and sensitive information available to the U.S.

Republican Senator Warren Rudman of Vermont, who supported the majority report, also said that the factional and financial chronologies provided by Israel were very helpful to the committees in drafting their final report.

But in the process of submitting that material, Israel effectively undermined its own repeated contentions over the past year that it was totally unaware that profits from the Iranian sales were going to the Contras. Indeed, the Israeli chronology said that North raised the issue with Israeli officials in New York on December 6, 1985.

According to the Israeli chronology, "North remarked to Israeli ministry of defence officials that he needed money and that he intended to divert profits from future Iranian transactions to Nicaragua." The chronology said that one of the Israeli officials took "contemporaneous" notes of the meeting, "recording North's comments." The two other Israeli officials at the meeting, which dealt mainly with other matters, did not recall the comment by North.

North, in his own sworn testimony before the committees last July, said that Nir had proposed in early January 1986 that profits from the weapons transactions be used to help the Contras as well as other joint U.S.-Israeli covert operations. He said he could not

recall any mention of the diversion during the Dec. 6 meeting.

The report said that Nir, starting in January 1986, also proposed to North a whole series of other covert operations which could be financed by the Iranian arms profits. "These would include gathering intelligence on terrorist groups, seeking the release of hostages, initiating and financing propaganda efforts that would be operated covertly," the report said.

In an interview published Nov. 18 in The New York Times, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said he had no regrets about Israel's involvement in the arms shipments to Iran.

He said Israel was no longer selling weapons to

Iran, but that he did not have any control over private Israeli businessmen, based outside Israel, who might be involved in arms transactions with Iran or other countries.

Regarding Israel's role in trading arms for American hostages, Shamir said: "It was done by a common decision of our cabinet and we are convinced that our policy was a correct one. We did it together with the United States, and I do not see any reason to regret it."

But the Congressional report was scathing in its criticism of the operation. It was marked by "confusion and disarray at the highest levels" of the U.S. government, the report said. It was also characterized by "pervasive dishonesty and inordinate secrecy."

The final majority report noted that while the National Security Council in the White House was "already engaged in covert operations" in the summer of 1985, "the government of Israel proposed that missiles be sold to Iran in return for the release of seven American hostages held in Lebanon and the prospect of improved relations with Iran."

The report cited meetings in Washington held by the then director-general of the foreign ministry, David Kimche, with the then national security advisor in the White House, Robert McFarlane.

That Israeli proposal, the report said, was repeatedly opposed by Secretary of State George Shultz and Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger. "Nevertheless, in the summer of 1985, the President authorized Israel to proceed with the sales," the report said.

Kimche, according to the report, also managed to convince the Americans to accept the involvement of Manucher Gorbaniyar, a shadowy Iranian arms dealer who earlier had been described as a habitual liar by the Central Intelligence Agency.

"Israel's sponsorship of the Iran initiative, and of Gorbaniyar as an intermediary, carried great weight with the President and his advisors," the report said. "Israel has taken a strong stand against international terrorism; and Israeli intelligence services are among the most respected in the world. McFarlane turned to Israel in the spring of 1985 for intelligence on Iran because of dissatisfaction with CIA capabilities."

"The Israelis strongly advocated the initiative, viewing it as a joint U.S.-Israel operation, and were willing to give the United States deniability — so long as it did not subject them to criticism by Congress and the secretary of state was fully informed."

But the report went on to point out that Reagan "was under no illusion that the interests of the United States and Israel were synonymous. As early as June 1985, Secretary Shultz had pointed out to McFarlane that Israel had little to lose by promoting the initiative: it had no policy against arms sales to Iran, and, given the hostility of most of its neighbors, Israel was

more willing to gamble on the prospect of changes in the Iranian government."

But in the end, the report concluded, the U.S. must accept full responsibility for the affair.

"No foreign state can dictate the conduct of U.S. foreign policy," it said. "Superpowers make their own decisions. And the United States did so in this instance. Nevertheless, Israel's endorsement of the Iran initiative cannot be ignored as a factor in its origin and its continuation."

The minority report quoted Shultz as having suggested during a Nov. 10, 1986 meeting at the White House, after the diversion scheme had been disclosed publicly, that Israel "suckered us into this so we can't complain of their sales" of weapons to Iran.

Shultz had brought a briefing paper to that meeting which charged that Israel had undertaken "a sting operation" to draw the United States into the arms sales operation. "Israel obviously sees it in its national interest to cultivate ties

with Iran, including arms shipments," the paper said. "Any American identification with that effort serves Israeli ends, even if American objectives and policies are compromised."

The minority report accepted Shultz's interpretation. "We are inclined to agree with Shultz that Israel was actively promoting the initiative because the initiative suited Israel's own national interests," it said. "We disagree, however, with the idea that the United States was being played for a sucker. We believe the U.S. government responsibly made its own judgments, and its own mistakes."

"The United States also went into the initiative knowing full well there was far from an identity of interests between the U.S. and Israel."

It recalled Shultz's testimony before the panel last summer: "We are big boys and we have to take responsibility for whatever it is we do. We can't say that well, somebody else suggested it to us, therefore it is their fault."

C'wealth Jewish Council will meet in Barbados

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

The Commonwealth Jewish Council, an organization representing Jewish communities in 26 Commonwealth countries will hold its next international conference in Bridgetown, Barbados Dec. 18-22.

Council president British Member of Parliament Greville Janner noted that it will be the first time a major Jewish organization has held a conference in a Black country.

The site was chosen, not only because the climate is favorable at that time of year at the popular holiday destination, Janner indicated, but because of the symbolic importance it has for fostering good relations between the Black and Jewish communities internationally.

Black-Jewish relations and relations between Israel and the Third World are expected to be discussed at the conference, he said.

This will be the council's third international conference, since its founding at the end of 1982 in London, where its headquarters are located. The first two were held in Gibraltar in 1984 and in Ottawa in 1985.

Janner, who addressed patrons of the council and other community leaders at a luncheon at Canadian Jewish Congress headquarters, said Canadian Jews will likely form the largest contingent to the conference among the 70 overseas delegates expected.

Maxwell Cohen of Ottawa, now a judge of the International Court of Justice at The Hague, is patron of the conference. CJC president Dorothy Reitman and husband Cyril will be hosts.

Among the other Canadians expected to attend are Norma and Jack Cummings, Lavy Becker, Ed-

ward Bronfman and CJC executive vice-president Alan Rose and executive director Jack Silverstone.

There are only about 60 Jews living in Barbados, but the community has a long history. During the conference, the first service in two centuries will be conducted at the restored synagogue by World Jewish Congress secretary-general Israel Singer, who is an ordained rabbi, Janner said.

The synagogue is some 400 years old, the second oldest in the Caribbean, after one in Curacao. The Jewish cemetery has also been restored.

Janner said the main purpose of the council, of which he is founder, is to assist and protect those small, isolated Jewish communities in the Commonwealth who did not live in the same security as the big three — Britain, Canada and Australia. The existence of the council often allows these tiny communities an access to their governments they would not otherwise have, he said.

Over the past couple of years, he said, the council has helped the Jewish communities in Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malta, Cyprus, India, Sri Lan-

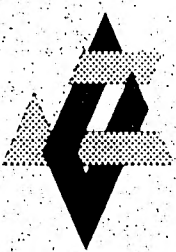
ka, Mauritius and the Caribbean, who are cut off from the Jewish world.

For instance, Janner said, the council has been able to obtain visas for Indian Jews who have emigrated to Israel to return to India for such urgencies as family funerals.

Janner, however, stressed that, while the council is primarily concerned with the Jewish communities it represents, it is conscious of the necessity of playing a broader role in condemning racism and promoting human rights. At the Ottawa conference, two years ago, the Council issued a statement expressing abhorrence at the apartheid policy of South Africa.

Janner said it is important for Jews to show concern for issues facing their countries as a whole. "If we do not become involved in the concerns of others, we have no right to expect non-Jews to understand ours."

Janner is especially interested in having Jews and Blacks join forces against the fascists. "Those who will go after the Blacks first because they are more visible, will next go after the Jews as well."



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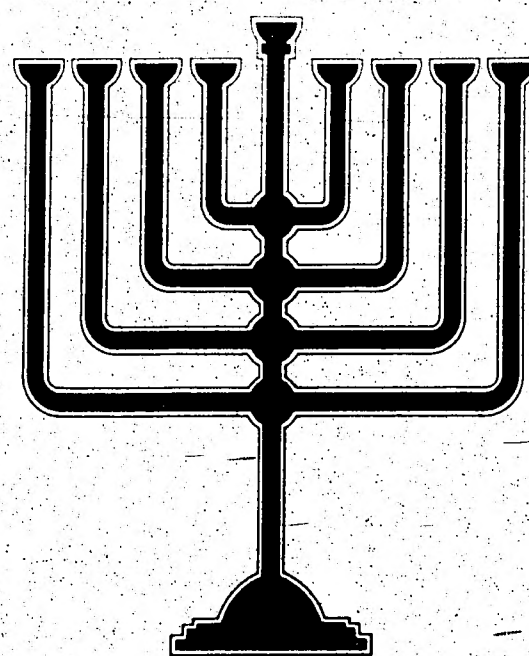
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Seeks help for four Soviet cancer patients

Time running out for Charny, says daughter

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

If seriously ill Soviet mathematician Benjamin Charny is not allowed out of Russia to seek medical help soon, it will be too late, says his daughter.

Fighting back tears, Anna Charny-Blank told a dozen rabbis and ministers her father and three other cancer-ridden Refuseniks have little time left.

"My father and the other three will simply not live to see all of us if something is not done right now," she told the Toronto Inter-Faith Council on Soviet Jewry, her voice shaking with emotion.

The 27-year-old mathematician and computer programmer, who recently emigrated to the U.S., was in town for three days last week to get help for her father and the other three Refuseniks.

She spoke to university and high school students as well as members of the Jewish community, urging them to send telegrams requesting the help of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, External Affairs Minister Joe Clark and U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

The time is critical because of the upcoming Dec. 7 U.S.-Soviet summit, she said.

Charny-Blank told the inter-faith council her father — who had a cancerous skin tumor surgically removed, and now suffers from a new growing neck tumor, thyroid nodule and cardiac and vascular diseases — needs immediate medical attention.

Soviet physicians cannot operate on the 50-year-old Moscow resident to remove two tumours because they say his heart would fail with their type of anesthesia, Charny-Blank said.

However, several North American physicians, who have visited the Soviet Union, have examined Charny and offered to perform the operation in North America where they say it is routine, she said.

In a review of available medical data, Dr. Gerald Batist, an assistant professor of medicine at McGill University, has substantiated Charny-Blank's claims, signing a document in late October saying treatment of his illnesses would be standard procedure here.

"Several hospitals offered my father free medical care as soon as he arrives there," Charny-Blank said.

"Only trouble is, they all say that if they (Soviets) do not release him now, it is going to be too late and no medicine in the world will be able to help him."

Soviet authorities have repeatedly turned down requests for exit visas for Charny and three other Soviet cancer victims — Naum Meiman, Marianna Simontova and 10-year-old Edward Erlich.

Last May, Charny and his wife were told by the visa department they will

not be released until 1995. The answer came after Charny-Blank's mother and husband held a 28-day hunger strike.

"As a matter of fact, this means a death sentence," Charny-Blank said.

Charny developed skin cancer six months after applying in 1979 with his metalurgic engineer wife, Yabwiga, 52, and only child to leave the Soviet Union.

Charny-Blank and her 29-year-old husband Uri Blank, a computer programmer and electrical engineer, were finally allowed to emigrate to the U.S. in mid-September.

They moved to Massachusetts where Charny's 34-year-old brother, Leon, a mathematician at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, resides. He was let out of the Soviet Union in 1979 and has helped support the family since then.

They were accompanied by their infant daughter Sima, now 5 months old, Blank's retired parents Galina, 60, and father Yuli, 60 and grandmother, Rosa Kogan, 85.

Charny-Blank said she doesn't know why Soviet authorities let her and her husband's family go, but detained her mother and ailing father.

"There is no logic in it," she told the clergymen assembled at the Holy Blossom Temple. "I do not know why they did it. It was cruel. I can't tell you why they choose to treat people like this."

Leaving her parents was one of the most difficult decisions of her life, she said.

"I came here to try to get them out, but I paid for that by leaving my father and my mother in (their present) situation. I'll probably never have the chance of seeing them again and being the support to my father as the only child can be to him."

"I hope I made the right choice."

Fired from jobs

Charny-Blank said she was only a teenager when her family first applied to leave the Soviet Union.

Both her parents, who held good positions, were immediately fired, and Charny-Blank lost her position at the educational institution where she studied.

Unable to find jobs and outcasts in the society, their lives became unbearable.

In the beginning it took two years for the visa department to give them its first negative reply.

At one point, Charny — home from hospital recovering from a major heart attack — was visited by Soviet authorities who demanded he find a job.

"It is funny," Charny-Blank said. "They fired

him, they knew that he was so ill because this was the first thing that we told them and they did not care."

"They told my father in case he did not find a job in the next two months, he would be sued and put in prison which they quite often did in the cases of many other Refuseniks."

"My father tried desperately to find a job. He is the kind of man who would start working as soon as he can lift his head off the pillow."

Charny eventually found a teaching position at a school with children of factory workers. Six months later he was fired when school officials learned he was a Refusenik.

The trauma sent Charny back to hospital for another four months and Soviet authorities finally recognized his disabilities. He was put on a small disability pension of 50 rubles a month. He had earned 550 rubles a month before applying to emigrate.

Appeal to the world

In June, 1986, Charny and two other cancer Refuseniks formed a group to appeal to the world community for help. By November, 1986 there were 14 in the group.

Only four now remain. Many others have died after being released too late to benefit from medical help, Charny-Blank said.

Charny-Blank told The C.J.N. her father, who she calls as often as she can afford, now appears to be on the verge of an emotional breakdown.

District Court Judge Ted Matlow, of Toronto, who visited the Charnys in the Soviet Union a year ago and has kept in contact by telephone, said Charny's desperation has been growing in recent months.

Matlow described the ailing man as a "delightful, warm, congenial, sensitive person. He's the sort of person I'd like to have as a personal friend."

Although Charny greeted Matlow and his companion Sol Goldstein vigorously last year at the Moscow subway and led them to his small modest apartment, it was obvious he was weak, said Matlow, who hugged and kissed Charny-Blank when he saw her last week at a meeting of the Canadian Jewish Congress's Committee for Soviet Jewry.

Charny-Blank — who has spent most of her time since arriving in the U.S. travelling tirelessly to speak to groups to drum up support for her father despite severe headaches she still suffers from a serious 1978 car accident — said everyone has been very "sympathetic" and "responsive."



Benjamin Charny with daughter Anna in Moscow shortly before she emigrated to the U.S.

"The only thing that actually helped us survive through all those terrible years (in the Soviet Union), is the fact that we always felt that we were not alone there in the struggle," she told the inter-faith council.

"There were people who helped us and in the most terrible days of our lives would call us to say, 'We are with you.' Or if they did not call, we still knew

that they were here struggling for us."

Viacheslav Bogdanov, second secretary of the Soviet embassy in Ottawa and assistant press attache, said he couldn't comment on the Charny case, because he is not familiar with it.

However, he said people being denied permission to emigrate have usually been rejected be-

cause of security reasons or because family members have objected.

He gave the names of two other officials in the Soviet embassy and a third at the Soviet Consulate General office in Montreal, suggesting The C.J.N. call them for information.

Two of the officials were unavailable, and a third, in Ottawa, who refused to confirm his name, said he could not comment on the case.

"It's ridiculous to ask us when we stay here in Canada about the people living in the Soviet Union," said the man, who is responsible for visas given to Canadians planning to visit the Soviet Union.

He said he was too busy to talk about anything other than visas.

"We are not in a position to help you in this matter. Okay? Good-bye," he said, hanging up.

As a result of Charny-Blank's visit here, telegrams will be sent to Reagan, Mulroney and Clark by the inter-faith council and the C.J.C.'s Soviet Jewry committee. The

C.J.C. committee sponsored Charny-Blank's visit.

Jewish student organizations at York University, University of Toronto and Hamilton's McMaster University have also promised to send telegrams. Charny-Blank said the Canadian government has been very helpful in the past.

A petition has also been circulating asking Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to let Charny and his wife go.

An international cancer patient solidarity fund has also been set up. Tax-deductible donations may be sent to the fund at 4670 Grosvenor Ave., Montreal H3W 2L8.

Charny-Blank may be contacted by calling (617) 232-7072, or writing to 41 Winthrop Rd., Brookline, MA 02146.

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DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Kislev 5 (Nov. 26 this year) marked a longtime fast day of redemption for the Jews of Posen, in western Poland. Commemorated was their successful repulsion of anti-semitic gangs on that day in 1687.

Jews from the Levant, Byzantium, and the Khazar kingdom of southern Russia traded throughout Poland well before western Slav tribes united to form a Polish state in the 10th century. According to legend, merchant Abraham Prochownik declined the pre-Christian tribes' offer of rule over them. The charismatic peasant he appointed in his place, named Piast, founded Poland's line of early kings. Synagogues, coins with Hebrew inscriptions, and other artifacts date back to the 900s.

Extensive damage by the Tartar invasion of 1240, and the desire to settle eastern territories and create a middle class, prompted the Piast kings to encourage large scale immigration from Germany. Jewish and Christian merchants, artisans and moneylenders also brought, respectively, the developing Yiddish language and anti-semitism.

In 1264, Prince Boleslaw the Pious brought Jews under official protection from rising anti-semitism, robbery, and church zeal. Launched and gradually expanded was their designation as *kamerniknechte*, servants of the treasury. Their lives and possessions were in effect his personal property, which he could pawn, sell or expel. They provided him with the taxes and loans for state affairs in war and peace. Jewish refugees from pogroms in the west flooded in after King Casimir the Great reconfirmed his protection against hostile German merchants in 1344. The historic communities of Cracow, Lublin, Lvov and Posen swelled. By the mid-17th century, Posen's 4,000 Jews, some 15% of the city's population, constituted one of Eastern Europe's most learned communities — and most troubled.

Throughout the 16th century, Posen's Jews resisted repeated attempts, instigated by local churchmen, to restrict housing and trade and to expel new arrivals. Blood libels were not uncommon. Damaging fires swept through the community time and time again. Jesuit seminarians organized pogroms; 20 Jews were killed in bloody riots in 1577. Outbreaks of plague proved doubly devastating to the Jews; they were also blamed for starting it.

Anti-semitism fanned

Taxes increased onerously. German merchants from Silesia cut heavily into Jewish livelihoods beginning in the early 1600s, and reinvigorated local anti-semitism. Rioting in 1639 caused a number of Jewish deaths, as well as destruction of property. Posen lay on the wide swathe of destruction perpetrated by Bogdan Chmielnicki's Ukrainian horsemen, who ravaged hundreds of communities in a 1648 revolt against Polish landowners and their Jewish administration.

A prolonged invasion by Sweden in the 1660s brought fresh famine and plague to the area. The Jews suffered aftershock — scapegoats for the populace's fear, loss, and frustration.

The rioting that broke out in November, 1687, found the Jews of Posen near the end of their tether. In desperation, the Jews barricaded their quarter and took up whatever was at hand as arms. The mob attacked only to be thrown back with unexpected fury and losses.

Urged on by the more unscrupulous members of the local clergy, the townspeople launched another attack the next day. After hours of heavy fighting, this too was repulsed. An all-out effort the following day ended in a decisive defeat for the attackers. The defenders, bloodied and exhausted, collapsed in respite. The fast day instituted by the community's rabbis and elders to thank God for its salvation was also a plea for its recovery.

Posen's Jews were left virtually broken. Several died; many were wounded. Homes and other property were burned or destroyed. Community institutions were bankrupt. Sifrei Torah were pledged for loans in order to pay the nobility's unremitting demand for taxes. Social chaos broke out. Residents of means and craftsmen left for other communities. By the end of the 17th century, Posen's Jews dwindled to about 3,000, most of whom were impoverished newcomers fleeing from worse conditions elsewhere.

Slowly the survivors rebuilt, largely untroubled by any further pogroms.

Ziemans in refusal for 10 years

"Regimeniks" increase activism

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

TORONTO —

After 10 years of suffering the personal and professional deprivations of living in refusal, Tatyana and Yuri Ziemans have stepped up their level of activism as they feel they have nothing to lose.

"What are they going to do, not let them out? They haven't for 10 years anyway," said David Kahn, a Toronto software consultant who has been corresponding with the family for eight of those years.

The Ziemans are among an estimated 10,000 Soviet Jews who have begun to call themselves "Regimeniks." For the most part they are scientists and researchers, who have been denied visas because of their alleged access to state secrets.

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev recently declared that there is "only one obstacle" to those who wish to leave the country and that is if their departure "may do certain damage to the security of the state."

However, said Kahn,

"Just about every Jew in the Soviet Union seems to know state secrets."

He said the Ziemans were among the organizers of a symposium held last week in Moscow that explored the legal and humanitarian aspects of state secrecy and their effects on an individual's right to emigration.

A key question the symposium examined is what constitutes a state secret and at what point such information becomes outdated, the point at which Gorbachev has said "the person may leave."

Supporters in other cities around the world, including Toronto which will hold a symposium Feb. 7 or 14, are planning similar gatherings to examine the issues, provide support and generate media attention.

Yuri Ziemans is a specialist in computer applications and programming and

holds the equivalent to a PhD. He worked with the Soviet Academy of Sciences until he was forced to leave his post of senior scientist in 1977 when his family made their first application to emigrate.

Kahn says the work Ziemans did involved non-secret problems — yet his application was denied on grounds of state security.

Today, 10 years later, he is forced to work as a plumber and maintenance man for a small hospital, and while the level of computer technology has increased exponentially, somehow his knowledge is still regarded as a security risk, Kahn says.

The Ziemans have two daughters, 11-year-old Vera who remains with them in the USSR, and Galina, who was permitted to leave with her husband and some of his relatives in June of this year.

Reached at her new home in Boston, Galina was hopeful that her parents' raised profile will help speed their release — but more than that she worries about the arbitrary nature of Soviet decision-making.

**"No set
rules, no
laws"**

"It's a strange country, there are no set rules, no laws. Your personal fate depends on political maneuvering, and you feel very helpless."

In one of her letters to Kahn, Galina's mother Tatyana described her feelings of impotence and helplessness.

"If only we could at least plan our life. This seems to be the most difficult thing — all hardships can be overcome if you have any future."



From left, Yuri Ziemans, daughter Galina who was released in June, daughter Vera and wife Tatyana.

Tatyana was forced to give up her position as an English teacher at Moscow University when they made their first application. She has been unable to find any work, and the family has lived on Yuri's meagre pay from the hospital.

While Gorbachev has spoken of a five to 10 year period for state secrets to become outdated, the Ziemans were once told by the KGB that it might take "from two to 20 years" for their application to be accepted.

It has now been over 10 years, and while the Ziemans have seen many of their friends leave, they still await a decision on their fate.

Kahn, who first learned of the Ziemans' plight while active in the Students Struggle for Soviet Jewry, says he

doesn't believe that glasnost is responsible for the increased number of Refuseniks being let out. He attributes it to media attention and the work of Soviet Jewry groups which is now paying off.

**Fears
"rougher
time"**

"Maybe the opportunities are really there now where they haven't been in the past."

"It is pressure in the first place that made this into a cause, and without pressure there is no reason for

the Soviet Union to react at all."

Kahn says that while he is more hopeful "than I have been the last few years" he is worried that the Ziemans' activism will cause them to have "a rougher time now."

"They need all the help they can get," Kahn said, and he encourages anyone to write to their MP, the Canadian and Soviet governments or directly to the Ziemans themselves to provide support and help plead their case.

The address for Yuri and Tatyana Ziemans is: Maril Ulyanovoy St. 19, Apt. 98, Moscow 117331, USSR. Their telephone number is 138-13-15.

"Pressure will make them an irritant," Kahn said, "and many of the biggest irritants are being let out."

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ANSWERS:

1. Nov. 29, 1947.
2. They recite a blessing, "Blessed are thou... who remembers the covenant, is faithful to this covenant and keeps His promise."
3. Bogdan Chmielnicki.



Edmond Y. Lipsitz

These questions and answers came from the book *6400 Questions About Judaism and the Jewish People* by Edmond Y. Lipsitz, published by JESL Educational Products, Downsview, Ont. Dr. Lipsitz would be pleased to receive your comments, or to consider your own Jewish quiz questions for inclusion in future columns. Write to him, c/o Canadian Jewish News.

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The Nazi in Syria

Forty-nine years after the Anschluss which saw Austria become an enthusiastic partner in Hitler's Third Reich, the authorities in Vienna (no doubt stirred to action by the embarrassment brought upon them by Kurt Waldheim) have demanded the extradition from Syria of Alois Brunner, a notorious Nazi war criminal.

Brunner, an unrepentant Eichmann aide, was condemned to death by a French court after the war for his role in deporting 120,000 Jews to the death camps. Klaus Barbie was a relatively minor official compared to Brunner.

Although France has not made formal extradition demands on Syria in this case, West Germany has indicated its intention to join Austria in demanding that Brunner be handed over for trial.

He told an interviewer from the Chicago Sun Times recently that not only did he have no regret about his role in the Holocaust but asserted that he would gladly do it again. We choose not to rehearse Brunner's total statement because it would require us to participate in an obscenity.

Equally obscene, of course, is that Syria has provided a home for this Nazi executioner for several decades. Damascus has officially denied that Brunner is in the country, despite the fact that Western journalists have had no difficulty in locating him.

Syria's complicity in protecting a Nazi war criminal should not and must not be shunted aside in an effort to restore relations with Damascus — as is the current desire of Western governments.

The United States has recently signaled its intention of normalizing its dealings with Syria despite a rupture brought about last year because of Damascus' involvement in terrorism. American officials suggest that the Syrians have been behaving themselves as of late and that renewed ties are appropriate.

November is the month in which Jews in North America commemorate the Holocaust. That commemorative act is disfigured by the presence, anywhere in the world, of people who were involved in implementing the murder of European Jewry. Alois Brunner's freedom to move about at will in Syria is an affront to conscience.

We have little faith in Austria's extradition exercise but we hope that West Germany's intervention in this matter will cause the Syrians to respond.

Soul-searching

A strong temptation exists to excuse the disquieting news about Israel's security service's use of torture by placing it within the proper context.

Israel is not the only democracy to have had recourse to extralegal means in the defence of its vital interests. During the Algerian war, French intelligence officers often made use of interrogation techniques not sanctioned by the Marquis of Queensbury.

Britain today stands accused, moreover, of using torture in extracting confessions from suspected IRA terrorists. The CBC's The Journal (Nov. 16) documented this practice in its report of the Birmingham Six.

It is equally tempting to pardon the zeal of Israeli interrogators by pointing to the savagery of the PLO adversary. Some of the people interrogated by the Shin Bet possessed information about future bombing of innocent Israeli civilians. Which is the greater evil — torture or permitting the murder of those who might have been saved?

As Thomas Friedman, the New York Times' man in Israel put it, "After all, Israelis have no monopoly on violence in this war — they just have greater resources."

"Many of the Palestinians who were tortured into confessing were guilty of planning or carrying out armed violence against Jews and would have been more than ready to trade places with their interrogators."

Despite these powerful arguments, it is our view that it is not by the standards of others that the Jewish state is to conduct its business. This is also the view of the Landau Commission which has come down hard on the Shin Bet not only for its interrogation practices but for its systematic lying in the Israeli courts — the very place where Israeli democracy asserts its legitimacy.

Israeli philosopher David Hartman put it succinctly and well when he said recently: "The notion that we don't do things like torture is the greatest danger to our moral health."

"We have to stop looking at our great moral past and start looking at ourselves as we behave in the present. If we always see ourselves as victims we will never be able to see ourselves as we really are and never be able to change when we need to."

It's time for some real soul-searching in the Israeli intelligence community.

Vivid picture of budding poet

Layton's turbulent early years



By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Irving Layton, Canada's enormously talented, immensely irreverent man of letters, delves into his past in *Waiting for the Messiah* (Totem Press, \$9.95), now out in a paperback edition.

In this seemingly frank self-portrait, Layton recalls the early years of his turbulent life in Montreal. Writing in a sparkling prose style, Layton paints a vivid picture of a budding poet who must overcome many obstacles before he can fulfill himself artistically.

Born circumcised, supposedly with the smell of baked challah in his nostrils, Layton had no doubt that he was favored by the Almighty. In addition to this wondrous natural phenomenon, Layton was twice blessed by virtue of another strange occurrence. When she was carrying him in her womb, Layton's mother fell dangerously ill, whereupon his perfectly healthy grandmother spoke these words: "Whatever death is intended for you, may it come to me." One week later, she died. Layton's mother miraculously recovered and gave birth to a bouncing boy.

To this day, the author is convinced that someone up there was watching over him. As he puts it: "I had a mission to perform. Great things were in store for me."

True or not, fortune did not smile upon Layton in his formative years. Like many Jewish families of the time, the Laytons were impoverished. His father, a pious immigrant, never adjusted to life in the New World, and his strong, resourceful mother was forced to provide for the struggling family. "My father felt his humiliation very deeply but was powerless to do anything about it."

They lived in a dingy flat, immediately beneath a couple who supplemented their meagre income by prostitution. On Saturday nights, this licentious pair hosted wild, drunken parties. The Laytons weren't amused, but what could they do? "We thought of calling the police, but they weren't

very friendly, not to immigrant Jews anyway. They were mostly French Canadians, part of the hostile world that surrounded us. They were there to harry street walkers or to see that my mother kept her small grocery store closed on Sundays."

Acutely aware that Jews "were different," Layton had to put up with anti-semitic taunts and heavily armed gangs that descended upon their street on Easter. "You could lose an eye, have a leg broken or get your face badly cut up. If you were unlucky you might get killed."

Layton is assailed by other unpleasant memories. When he was 4 years old, a house fire, which he had stupidly started, scarred him. Cockroaches were a constant problem. Every year just before Passover, the family would rip the wallpaper from the walls, exposing swarms of the vermin, and heave pails of scalding water on them. "The insects would fall to the floor in violent little struggles, moving around with decreasing conviction..."

His recollection of cheder recalls an era when grim, morose and badly paid rebbebs would make their students recite biblical passages by rote and rap them across the knuckles if they failed to measure up.

Layton's first sexual experience, at age 8, was initiated by his repressed 18-year-old cousin, Fanny, an attractive woman with luxuriant black hair and crimson lips. One imagines that it gave him an irresistible taste for the ladies. It may account for Layton's subsequent reputation as something of a Lothario.

Layton penned his first poem at 12, an ode to a certain Miss Benjamin, his physically well-endowed teacher. Later, at Baron Byng High School, he wrote his first "serious" poem, a turn of event that his family signally failed to appreciate. "They made me feel that I was doing something terrible, that no sensible Jewish boy would ever allow himself to do... My mother kept telling me that I was wasting my time and ruining my chances of making a living in the future."

As it happened, Layton had to fend for himself sooner than he had anticipated. About one month before matriculation, Baron Byng expelled Layton over a dispute pertaining to his monthly tuition fee. He left home and began giving English lessons to newly-arrived immigrants.

But Layton was destined to be a scholar. Over a smoked meat sandwich at Schwartz's Hebrew Delicatessen on St. Lawrence St., David Lewis, his friend (and future leader of the New Democratic Party), urged him to write his junior matrics at McGill University. Lewis asked A.M. Klein, the poet, to coach Layton in Latin.

Layton has fond memories of Klein, who would spend the final years of his life as a recluse. "I liked his wit, his ready humor and eloquence... He was that marvellous, unique creature — a poet."

Although Layton passed the exam, nobody in his family was particularly impressed. It seems they were hoping he would take up a reliable trade and become an electrician or a plumber.

He disappointed them, taking a degree in agriculture at Macdonald College, in Ste. Anne de Bellevue. Agriculture? McGill's tuition fee, set at \$200 per year, was beyond his means. When a friend told him that Macdonald would have him for \$50, and that the provincial government would pay him \$9 per month to attend, he could hardly resist.

From the start, Layton was an outsider at Anglophile Macdonald, an "alien in an unfriendly environment." In his ill-fitting clothes, Layton engaged in common room attacks on Britain's sacrosanct policy in the colonies and in Europe, thereby earning a reputation as a Communist.

Layton was no Communist, but he did lean to the left. At one point, he almost followed his girlfriend, a naive idealist, to the Soviet Union. Someone as rumbunctious as Layton would have been cut to shreds in Stalinist Russia.

Midway through Macdonald, Layton followed his brother Hyman to New York City. What had promised to be an adventure turned into sheer drudgery, Layton working as a bus boy in New Jersey and selling magazine subscriptions in New York City. He went back to college, without really knowing what he would do with the rest of his life. "All I wanted was to hear myself speaking beautifully, to let myself be dragged by the musical syllables I managed to extract from my throat at the slightest sign of encouragement."

On the eve of World War II, he graduated from Macdonald with "respectable" marks. But, as far as he was concerned, he was still in a personal quandary. "... my degree in agriculture was just a piece of paper I could wipe a cow's ass with..."

For lack of something better to do, Layton moved to Halifax, where he sold insurance. Proven incompetent, he switched to being a Fuller Brush salesman. By now, he was married to a physically disfigured woman he had wed out of pity and weakness. Not being able to bear the idea, he left her.

After an embarrassing interlude in the army, Layton returned to Montreal. In 1945, he published his first book of verse, *Here and Now*, run off on the printing presses of First Statement, a local literary magazine edited by his friend John Sutherland.

Layton impregnated Sutherland's sister, Betty, whom he would marry, and after that he had no trouble getting a divorce from his estranged wife in Halifax.

Layton supported himself by shovelling coal, proofreading for The Montreal Star, giving newcomers English lessons, lecturing to Holocaust survivors at the Jewish Public Library, and teaching political theory at McGill, where he had registered for an MA in political science. Materially, life was cruel, but he was happy.

Montreal, he recounts, "gave me the confidence, the tools, the stimulating friendships and rivalries. It gave me a literary milieu comparable to what Paris had given the American expatriates Hemingway and Fitzgerald."

In 1946, the chairman of McGill's department of economics and political science alerted Layton to a job at a small theological college in Winnipeg. He could have used the money, but he did not accept the position. "Had I cut myself off from the nurturing milieu I found in Montreal, I'd have become a political scientist, another professor in political theory."

This, of course, was not to be. One week later, the Ross Tutorial School in Montreal offered him a dream job — teaching poetry. Layton was on his way. The poet could not be stopped.



Irving Layton

Opinion

"As astounded as the rest of us," says former advisor

Sadat visit surprised Dayan despite secret diplomacy

By
BENNY MORRIS

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Moshe Dayan did not promise the Egyptians the return of the whole of Sinai in exchange for the Sadat visit or peace. Dayan was as astonished as the rest of us when Sadat announced his readiness to come to Jerusalem," says Israel cabinet secretary Elyakim Rubinstein.

During the second half of 1977, Rubinstein was serving as then Foreign Minister Dayan's advisor and chef du cabinet.

"Dayan believed, and he repeated this consistently and periodically from 1973 to mid-1977," he said last week, "that the Egyptians were ready for some form of peace process or non-belligerency with Israel, but would proceed towards it secretly, slowly, cautiously, and that the upshot would not be a formal, full peace treaty."

Dayan's belief in the evolution of such non-belligerency was based mainly, according to Rubinstein, on Egypt's opening of the Suez Canal, the reconstruction of the canal-side cities and the industrialization of the canal zone.

"Egypt, he reasoned, had done all this with peace in mind. They would not go to war again and endanger it all."

Dayan's meeting in Morocco, in September 1977, with King Hassan and the Egyptian deputy prime minister, Hassan Touhami, fell into this pattern of expected covert contacts.

"Contrary to legend, I did not accompany Dayan on these trips," says Rubinstein. "But immediately afterwards, he told me what had been said and I read the minutes. And it is simply not true that Dayan had promised Touhami all of Sinai in a peace settlement. Hence, it was not true that this is what persuaded Sadat to decide on his visit to Jerusalem two months later."

"Rather the opposite. At the meeting, Touhami told Dayan to convey to then Prime Minister Begin a message from Sadat: that Sadat would not shake Begin's hand until the territories were evacuated by Israel."

Rubinstein finds it "difficult to determine" the contribution of the Dayan-Touhami meeting to the Sadat visit. "The idea never came up during the meeting. On the other hand, it is reasonable to assume that in the wider context of creating trust the meeting contributed something."

The aim of the Dayan-Touhami meeting, from Egypt's point of view, was to forge an understanding between Israel and Egypt before the prospective convening of the Geneva Conference, which the U.S. and the Soviets were at the time trying to resurrect, says Rubinstein.

"Sadat sought to make sure that Geneva would not be a failure. It did not occur to Dayan, returning from Morocco in September, that his meeting with Touhami had been the first step in a process that would bring Sadat to Jerusalem and lead to the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty."

The American-Soviet efforts to reconvene Geneva, culminating in the joint declaration of Oct. 1, broke on the back of Arab, particularly Syrian, resistance and deep Israeli reservations.

It was the frustration of the Geneva demarche that appears finally to have persuaded Sadat that there was no alternative to dramatic, frontal Arab-Israeli negotiation, if the logjam were to be broken, believes Rubinstein.

Between Sept. and Nov. 9, "there was no indication, none, that Sadat intended to embark on the dramatic journey," says Rubinstein. Later, it emerged that on Oct. 31, Sadat had informed President Carter that he intended to take "a bold step" — to call on the five permanent members of the UN Security Council to convene in Jerusalem. But Carter dissuaded Sadat.

"And then came the Sadat speech of Nov. 9, when he dropped the bombshell, and announced in parliament his readiness to come to Jerusalem. It was the first we heard of his intention to visit Jerusalem. And even then, it wasn't taken seriously. It was only days later, about four days before his actual arrival, that we related to it seriously. Before then, it was viewed with suspicion."

"Indeed, on Nov. 13 Dayan told us that it was possible that the visit was intended to serve as an alibi for war, or could precipitate a slide to war. Dayan said then that, from our point of view, the question was whether we should have to pay for the visit in real estate."

On Nov. 15, Dayan had clearly moved to a more positive appreciation of what was in store. "Moshe said that if the visit took place, it would have great importance."

"He added that, in exchange for peace, Sadat would no doubt demand a complete withdrawal, and self-determination for the Palestinians, which would mean that they themselves would determine what would be done with the territories to

be evacuated. . . . Moshe's assumption was that it was also necessary to prepare answers on the Palestinian question, which Sadat would continue to address."

On Nov. 16, Begin sent Sadat a formal invitation to visit Jerusalem. The invitation was accompanied, at Sadat's request, by a covering note from Carter.

The previous day, in order not to leave Sadat isolated, Begin, in a speech in the Knesset, had extended invitations to the other Arab leaders to visit Israel and had proposed that Palestinian leaders from the West Bank and Gaza join in talks with Israel "to discuss coexistence."

On Nov. 17, Sadat responded that he was coming, and said that he wished to visit Al-Aksa Mosque, hold talks with Begin and address the Knesset.

"That moment at Lydda airport, when Sadat stepped off the plane, I still regard as the most exciting, exhilarating moment of my professional life," Rubinstein wrote.

"Nothing, not Camp David, the signing of the peace treaty, nothing quite matched it. I wasn't supposed to be there, but Dayan, as a special gesture, stopped by on his way to Lydda and said: 'Get in.'"

On the way back to Jerusalem from the airport, Rubinstein sat in front ("squeezed between the driver and guard"), with Dayan and Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali in the back.

"Their conversation was polite and pleasant," but the wall between them was still high. Ghali repeatedly emphasized the Palestinian problem, and why, in the light of Arab unity, Egypt could not act alone. The two discovered that they shared a hobby — archeology. "It was possible to feel the uniqueness of the moment and that a new era was dawning."

During the lunch on Nov. 20, before Sadat and Begin addressed the Knesset, Mustapha Khalil, Sadat's aide, said that Egypt did not want to "create the impression of direct negotiations with Israel." He thus implicitly rejected Begin's suggestion that a "hot line" be installed between the two capitals.

Dayan, according to Rubinstein, gained the impression that the president was willing to go ahead without fellow Arabs in the dialogue with Israel. He didn't care about procedures or "papers," he was interested only in tackling the substantive issues.

"There was the impression that his views were not systematic or well-ordered," says Rubinstein.

Once the visit was on, "it was clear to Dayan that a process of some sort had started. But it was all enigmatic. It wasn't clear what kind of process. Sadat was a man of surprises: one couldn't know [where it was all leading]."



Ten years ago this month, Anwar Sadat went to Jerusalem. Here he greets Henry Kissinger, former U.S. secretary of state.

At dinner after the Knesset speeches, Sadat said at one point that he would not invite Begin to Egypt until Israel evacuated all Egyptian territory. Afterwards, there was discussion of possible venues for continuing the negotiations. Dayan spoke of Iran and Morocco, Sadat of Austria.

Dayan was pleased to hear from Begin that Sadat regarded him as "a man who understands the Arabs and the Arab states," but he felt that negotiating with an Egyptian other than Sadat would be fruitless, and therefore preferred that the negotiations continue between Sadat and Begin. Sadat at one point suggested inviting Begin to Ismailia.

The Prime Minister at that point was uncertain, as it was not Cairo and there wouldn't be an appearance in the Egyptian parliament. . . . Dayan supported the prime minister's visit to Ismailia, arguing that only Sadat was capable of making concessions."

Dayan, says Rubinstein, was impressed by Sadat's calling him by his first name. The two exchanged pleasantries about Dayan's three "visits" to Egypt as a general and defence minister, during wars. Sadat responded: "I tried to catch you three times."

The United States, for at least a month after the visit, continued to push everybody towards a reconvening of Geneva.

"It took them more than a month to understand that a different process had begun, that the visit had radically changed the situation."

It was only at the end of December 1977,

recalls Rubinstein, that "a senior American figure" told him that if "Sadat is going for a separate peace, then the U.S., while trying to nudge Hussein into the process as well, would support it."

This, for Rubinstein, was the first American acknowledgement that they had abandoned, or were setting aside, the "comprehensive" Geneva approach.

In December, he recalls, Dayan proposed that the Americans host an Israeli interest section in their embassy in Cairo, to facilitate the peace process. "The Americans didn't accept this," says Rubinstein.

That month, Dayan again met secretly with Touhami in Morocco. Matters of substance, as well as preparations for Begin's visit to Ismailia, were discussed.

Dayan accompanied the Israeli-Egyptian peace process through the Camp David agreements and the signing of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty in 1979. In October that year, he resigned after the autonomy talks reached a deadlock.

Subsequently, conveying Dayan's assessment of the November 1977 visit, Rubinstein wrote: "It was an earthquake. Until then, Dayan

thought in terms of a secret negotiation on the level of Touhami. Sadat's visit speeded up the peace process dramatically. For a while just after the visit, through a sort of inertia, the 'secret negotiation' thinking remained. But from Ismailia onwards . . . matters rose to the surface, permanently."

Writer's tale an exercise in "faction"

By
ARNOLD AGES

The long simmering conflict in the Mideast has produced international convulsions, scores of thousands of dead, a library of scholarly literature and a literary genre which can best be described as "faction," that is to say, a blending of fact and fiction.

The development is not surprising. No area in the world contains such potential for exploitation. The Arab-Israeli imbroglio possesses drama, passion, and hatred — sentiments fired by fierce competing nationalism and deeply held convictions about revenge for real or imagined tragedies.

There is an additional ingredient in the Mideast which invites the attention of the writer — the clandestine espionage and intelligence wars that have been going on as long as the armed encounters between Israel and its Arab antagonists.

Toronto's George Jonas tapped into this phenomenon a few years ago with his chilling tale of Israel's largely successful achievement in eliminating the perpetrators of the Munich massacre of 1972. Jonas' story was a fictional rendering of an authentic Israeli action embellished by the author's considerable narrative skills.

Jonas' feat has been equalled by a young American professor who has studied at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and who has travelled extensively in the Arab world. His name is Howard Kaplan, a lecturer in Israeli and Arabic literature at UCLA, and one of the best practitioners in the international-thriller genre.

His previous works, *The Damascus Cover* and *The Chopin Express*, have been best sellers and have been translated into eight languages. In his books Kaplan shows expert knowledge of global

political tensions and the fearful conflict which pits Arabs and Israelis against each other.

His most recent book, *Bullets of Palestine* (Golden Eagle), confirms his high reputation.

In reading this remarkable story, the reader will have to suspend his disbelief much in the same way as he does in encountering the "thriller" genre or attending the theatre or the movies. For Kaplan asks us to accept a scenario regarding the Mideast that appears preposterous at first glance and that will tax our credulity. At the same time Kaplan's scenario may just be a fast forward version of reality.

In Kaplan's tale a member of the Israeli intelligence community known only as Shai forms an alliance with a member of the PLO, named Ramzy Awwad. The PLO operative, a poet and dreamer, has renounced his former terrorist ways in favor of a political path to a *modus vivendi* with the hated Israeli. He has no remorse for what he has done, considering it to be the appropriate response to Israeli terror, but 20 years after his first escapade he has decided that the violence has solved nothing.

It must be observed that Kaplan's work is an exercise in "faction." In order for it to work, Ramzy Awwad must be portrayed as a PLO moderate deeply disturbed by the terrorist extremism of his Arab colleagues. The reader is invited to believe that Ramzy and his PLO partners are the best hope for peace in the Mideast. Whether or not Kaplan's scenario is plausible lies beyond the scope of a review.

Both Ramzy Awwad and Shai find that they have in common a desire to eliminate Abu Nidal, the chief architect of Palestinian terror. Their reasons are different but their goal is the same. The Israelis persuade the reluctant Awwad, torn between his Palestinian loyalties and his hatred of Abu Nidal, to join with them in

tracking down and destroying a common enemy.

The pursuit of Abu Nidal occupies the major part of the novel and it is set against the events of 1982 — the attempted assassination of Shlomo Argov, the Israeli ambassador to London, the murder of PLO moderate Dr. Issam Sartawi, the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and the Shatila camp massacres.

Kaplan's depiction of the grim hunt for human lives which is the terrorists' metier, is done with chilling aplomb. The amorality on all sides is emphasized with consummate skill. Kaplan's descriptions of the many assassination attempts — the successes and the failures — show that the author has either special knowledge or a vivid imagination. His reconstruction of the deadly game carried on among the Israelis, Abu Nidal's group and the PLO reminds one of the best pages in George Jonas' *Vengeance*.

Kaplan's prose is crisp and taut as he moves his characters across the Mideast chess board and forces them to intersect with actual happenings in that troubled region. It would not surprise me if Kaplan's novel has not already been acquired by a film company, because the fast scene changes, the tense manhunt, the geographical transitions and the international settings make it an ideal film script. What is especially attractive about the story is a surprise ending which occurs at the precise moment when Abu Nidal is about to be gunned down.

Kaplan's novel is more than entertainment; it represents advocacy on the part of a sensitive Jewish writer who sees the possibility of an end to the violence that envelops Jews and Arabs. Kaplan has chosen to express his advocacy in "faction." He may persuade many through this approach that moderate Jews and Arabs have much in common.

Opinion

Only Mideast state with embassy there

Israeli aid program enhances image in Jamaica

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

KINGSTON, Jamaica —

Israel's technical cooperation program in the developing world, long considered a model of its kind, is firmly entrenched in this English-speaking Caribbean island.

Throughout Jamaica, a nation about as big as Lebanon, Israeli experts have established agricultural, irrigation, rural development and health care programs designed to improve its economy.

The program extends beyond Jamaica's frontiers. Every year, 9 to 14 Jamaican trainees are invited to Israel to take part in seminars that enrich their knowledge in these fields.

And because the resident Israeli ambassador here is accredited to Dominica, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, these neighboring independent island states also receive the benefit of Israeli knowhow.

Israeli development programs elsewhere in the Caribbean are in place in the Dominican Republic, St. Kitts, Barbados and Trinidad, Tobago, Haiti and Grenada.

The Jamaican program, one of the most ambitious in the region, is administered by ambassador Yehoshua Hakohen, who has been at his post for the past 2½ years.

Hakohen, who was in private business before being posted to Kingston by then foreign minister Yitzhak Shamir, explained in an interview what Israel is up to in Jamaica.

Israel has created a winter vegetable export program aimed primarily at the U.S. market, with crops from pumpkins to carrots having been planted. "On an annual basis, it's worth tens of millions of dollars to Jamaica," he said.

In addition, Hakohen added, private Israeli contractors have worked to improve banana yields, no small matter in light of the fact that bananas are one of Jamaica's most important cash crops.

Israeli experts have developed a computerized irrigation system utilizing river water. Before Israel arrived on the scene, much of this precious resource flowed uselessly into the sea.

As well, Israel has been involved in the production of seedlings and fertilizers. And very soon, Israel will assist Jamaica to set up rural health clinics.

In the 1970s, Israel established rural cooperatives and fish ponds that have been extremely successful, said Gideon Saguy, Israel's first resident ambassador to Jamaica. (Saguy, now based in Toronto, is president of the Tel Aviv Foundation.)

During the same period, Israeli and Jamaican entrepreneurs teamed up to form a joint construction company, Ashtrom, now one of the biggest in the country. Ashtrom, which specializes in prefabricated housing, has built thousands of low-cost and middle-class homes and hotels, including the posh Jamaica, Jamaica resort in Runaway Bay.

There is little doubt that all these programs, governmental and private, have enhanced Israel's image in Jamaica.

Israel has had diplomatic relations with Jamaica since it achieved independence from Britain in 1962. Until 1975, the year the first resident ambassador arrived in Kingston, Israeli interests in Jamaica were taken care of by an honorary consul general, a prominent member of the minuscule Jewish community, and by Israel's envoy in the Dominican Republic.

According to Saguy, the decision to send an Israeli ambassador to Kingston had been "in the books for quite some time."

The impetus for it came in 1972 and 1973, when one African country after another broke relations with Israel and sent Israel reeling diplomatically. The Israelis, seeking to ameliorate their isolation and to win influence at the United Nations, sought friends where they could find them, especially in the Third World. Jamaica, a lively democracy and a pillar of the non-aligned bloc, was therefore targeted.

"We were interested, in those politically difficult days, to have a voice in the Third World," noted Saguy, who arrived in Kingston several months prior to the passage of a United Nations resolution equating Zionism with racism... a resolution on which Jamaica abstained.

Israel requested permission to set up an embassy, and Michael Manley, the prime minister and leader of the left-leaning People's National Party, acceded.

Manley, a socialist who was close to Fidel Castro of Cuba, was personally ambivalent toward Israel, being a critic of its policies vis-à-vis the Palestinians but an admirer of its



Gideon Saguy

achievements in nation-building. Although the radical wing of his party was against the presence of an Israeli ambassador in Kingston, Manley decided it would be in Jamaica's best interests to welcome one.

As it happens, Saguy developed a personal rapport with Manley, who was defeated by Edward Seaga, a Jamaican of Christian Lebanese descent, in the 1980 election.

Today, Israel is one of 18 countries with an embassy in Kingston. Indeed, Israel is the only Middle Eastern nation that maintains an



Michael Manley

embassy in Jamaica. The ambassador of Iraq in Canada and of Egypt in Venezuela are both accredited to Jamaica.

Referring to the lack of Arab representation, Hakohen quipped: "You don't hear them, you don't see them, you don't smell them."

Jamaica, for its part, has no ambassador in Israel or anywhere else in the Middle East. "Jamaica's ambassador in West Germany is accredited to Israel, and he visits Israel once a year," said Hakohen.

Despite its sympathy for the plight of the Palestinian refugees, Jamaica has so far refus-

ed to recognize the PLO or to let it open an office in Kingston.

At the United Nations, the Jamaican delegate has abstained on resolutions calling for the establishment of a Palestinian state in the occupied territories.

"This has been to our advantage," said Hakohen.

In general, Jamaica's record at the United Nations regarding Middle East issues is pretty well balanced. "Fifty percent of the time, Jamaica votes in our favor," Hakohen reported.

In 1976, Jamaica condemned Israel for its Entebbe raid. "They thought it was an infringement of Africa's sovereignty," Saguy explained. In 1981, Jamaica criticized Israel for its destruction of Iraq's nuclear reactor on the outskirts of Baghdad.

Jamaica's interpretation of UN resolution 242 is that Israel should withdraw to its pre-1967 ceasefire lines. Jamaica opposes Jewish settlements in the occupied areas.

(Hakohen said that Dominica, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines "are 100% with us. They're not members of the non-aligned group.")

Observers in Kingston believe that Jamaica may adopt a harder line toward Israel in the months ahead because Hugh Shearer, its foreign minister, wants to be president of the UN General Assembly in 1988, and will need Arab and Moslem support to achieve his objective.

Nevertheless, no one here expects Jamaica to become hostile to Israel, partly because Jamaica is not dependent on Arab oil. Mexico and Venezuela sell oil to Jamaica.

According to Saguy, who served as ambassador until 1978, Prime Minister Seaga, leader of the Jamaican Labor Party, is well disposed toward Israel. "In my time, his attitude to Israel was quite correct... he expressed an interest in Israel."

Hakohen said that Jamaicans of Lebanese Christian origin have not involved themselves in Middle Eastern affairs. Jewish Jamaicans, however, helped facilitate the establishment of Israel's embassy here, and once staged a quiet protest in front of Government House to protest the UN's Zionism is racism resolution.

Trade between Jamaica and Israel is insignificant. Israel sells agricultural machinery to Jamaica, but Jamaica exports virtually nothing to Israel.

Hakohen said that Israel has neither military nor police ties with Jamaica.



Many changes and challenges

Diversity grows in Jewish publishing

By
ROSE KLEINER

As New York City celebrates its second Jewish Heritage Book Festival, the world of North American Jewish book publishing is facing many changes and challenges.

This is evident from the recent developments at two of the continent's most respected publishing houses. While one has chosen to be absorbed by a larger American company, the other has publicly affirmed its determination to stand up to the new challenges as an independent house.

According to Jewish Book World, Schocken Books has been sold to Random House by the Schocken family. Although the line of Schocken books will be published with the firm's imprint, it will become part of Pantheon Books, a subsidiary of Random House.

Founded in Berlin, in 1931, by Salaman Schocken, the publishing house is known for its early support of such great writers as Israel's S. Y. Agnon, who was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature.

Other important Jewish authors published by Schocken have been Martin Buber, Franz Kafka, Elias Canetti, Primo Levi, Gerschom Scholem and Elie Wiesel.

After taking over the firm, Random House will continue to have contact with the Schocken family. David Rome, the president of Schocken, and a grandson of the founder, will remain with the company as a consultant and advisory editor. Schocken's senior editor has stated that the association with Random House will serve to strengthen Schocken's ability to serve its authors.

A different approach toward the challenges of

Jewish publishing today has been taken by the Jewish Publication Society. Founded in 1888, in Philadelphia, as an annual membership organization, the society has published such works as Graetz's *History of the Jews*, and Louis Ginzberg's *Legends of the Jews*. One of its major undertakings has been the translation and publication of the Bible in English.

General decline of "mass culture"

Its membership, which was 1,600 in the first year, had grown to 14,000 by 1967. Among its editors have been such noted figures as Henrietta Szold, at the turn of the century, and more recently, writer Chaim Potok.

This past spring, according to Jewish Book World, the society's executive vice-president, Nathan Barnett, addressed a national booksellers' convention in Washington, where he related the

attitude of his firm to the new challenges in Jewish publishing.

Barnett spoke of the diminishing interest in broad Judaica topics in American society, and within the Jewish community. He spoke of the general decline of "mass culture" audiences, and of the growth of smaller affinity groups with similar interests. The Judaica market had also changed into a series of smaller groups, with different interests, covering the fields of religion, politics and culture.

He reviewed the problem of growing assimilation, and the various tensions which exist in the Jewish community. They have all had a ripple effect on the world of Jewish publishing. In addition, there are the pressures of the publishing industry in general.

Yet despite these obstacles, the number of publishing houses concentrating on Judaica has greatly increased. Rather than bemoan the competition facing the Jewish Publication Society, Barnett states that his organization welcomes the new diversity. The interest in Judaica by the major American publishing houses and university presses is viewed by the society with approval. It shows a recognition by these presses of the importance of Judaica.

Affirming the society's optimism about living with the new competition, Barnett calls for American publishers of Judaica to join forces in dealing with the new problems and opportunities. Such cooperation can only benefit the publishers, booksellers and Judaica bookbuyers.

With Schocken and the Jewish Publication Society taking such diverse approaches, Jewish publishing is indeed entering a new era.

Opinion

With great writer's help I may salvage my reputation

Sholem Aleichem and Toronto Jewish Book Fair

By
J. B. SALSBERG

What, you may ask, has Sholem Aleichem to do with the annual Jewish Book Fair that is now under way in Toronto? And the answer is that the most popular of the classics of Yiddish literature by Sholem Aleichem, whose real name was Solomon Rabinowitz, has a great deal to do with the Fair and, as you will shortly realize, he also has a great deal to do with the column that you are now reading. It's like this:

With all respects to the present generation of Jewish writers (in any language), none has yet reached the popularity of Sholem Aleichem. A second-hand set of Sholem Aleichem's collected works in Yiddish is still in great demand at the Fair.

That being the case, why should anyone ques-



J. B. Salsberg

tion the relationship between the Book Fair and Sholem Aleichem? In fact, in his well known play, *Dos Groise Gevins* (The Big Win), the lovable Jewish tailor who believes that he has won the big lottery is ready to make a liberal donation towards the establishment of a local Jewish library. When his wife berates him for squandering the "big win" on such senseless things as a "biblyotek," he makes the categorical statement that people need books ("men darf hoben biecher!").

Do we need further proof of the appropriateness of linking Sholem Aleichem with the wonderful annual Jewish Book Fair? Of course not. But why is the name of Sholem Aleichem also linked with today's column?

As all of you, readers with phenomenal memories, know, I have written an enthusiastic column, a sort of ode, to our annual Book Fair year after year. I did so because I consider the Fair a very important cultural event of the year.

To me it is an unending source of joy to mingle with the hundreds of men, women, young people and children in tow of parents, in the aisles of the book display tables. Regardless of

whether everyone who mixes with so many others and absorbs the book atmosphere purchases a book or not, their very presence is a contribution to and an enrichment of the Jewish cultural atmosphere of our community.

As for the scores of dedicated women who make these annual celebrations of the Jewish book possible, as for them — I'm their greatest admirer and am filled with gratitude for the Book Fair magic that they create in our midst year after year. Bravo, ladies!

How can I explain my failure to write this year's praise to Book Fair on time? With Sholem Aleichem's help I may succeed in salvaging my reputation.

My precious column got entangled in a number of issues (topics) that, somehow, needed more than one week's space to make the point, or to deliver the message. As a result, and before I knew it, I was unable to extricate myself for my annual Book Fair hallelujah.

But, you may say that, when this issue will appear, the Fair will have passed the half-way mark. Right. But it will still arrive in time to guarantee a triumphant finale to this year's Jew-

ish Book Fair extravaganza!

Sholem Aleichem tells a story of a poor shtetl mensh who asks his wife to make "chremzlech," because every time he enters a home of the rich he is overcome by the aroma of frying chremzlech.

His wife argues that for chremzlech one needs flour, eggs, butter, raisins, etc., of which she has little or nothing at all. So, pleads her husband, so it will be without butter, or other things, but it will still be chremzlech! Well, the wife makes chremzlech with what she has at hand. Having tasted it, her husband says: "Huh — and the rich make such a fuss about chremzlech!"

OK, so this column is a bit late. But it will reach you when the Book Fair will still have a half a week to go!

So, hurry, hurry, hurry. Go to the Fair, the Jewish Book Fair! Go and take along the young and the old of your family and those of your neighbors! Make sure that all children of school age are there!

(Is this publicity for the Book Fair? Darn right it is! But don't tell the editor. . . .)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

"OLD CAN BE BEAUTIFUL"

I was pleased with Cynthia Gasner's Oct. 22 report of my presentation at the Mount Sinai Hospital and University of Toronto symposium on "Aging."

Your readers may recall my statement: "North Americans do not know the definition of beauty. Beauty lies in the soul and not in the body beautiful." I also commented that society views the aged and the disabled as physically unattractive. In addition, I said that "it is a drag in our society to be disabled or old."

Sadly, The CJN confirms the truth of my statements as reflected in your Oct. 29 fashion section. Once again you subscribe "to the body beautiful."

While it is true that you accept the advertisements that come your way, you nevertheless have a responsibility to question the ethics of the advertisers.

Etta Ginsberg McEwan
Toronto

GOING GAGA WITH GORBACHEV

I wish to draw your attention to what I perceive to be a very dangerous situation vis-a-vis our brethren in the Soviet Union today.

I put it to you that we are all being lulled into a false sense of complacency. Gorbachev turns on his charm and we all go gaga.

While a great many positive things are happening, and we should welcome them, I want to outline things that are disturbing me.

One is that Gorbachev is a "mashiach for the Jewish people," as I have heard some say.

Let us remember, he is a product of the Soviet system and he is committed to making that system work in the best possible way. If, by coincidence, his aims happen to coincide with the aims of the Jewish emigration movement, fine. We must remember that.

He has not suddenly become a lover of the Jews. What he does is that which he perceives to be in the best interests of the Soviet Union — period. We must exploit that to our own advantage.

Right now, his economy is in terrible shape, and he knows full well he cannot generate improvements from within. He desperately needs Western technical assistance and credits.

Hence his release of a number of high-profile Refuseniks recently. But insofar as the rank and file of the Refusenik movement is concerned, things have not got better but worse.

There was a new law passed on Jan. 1 which says that those wishing to leave must receive invitations from 1st-degree relatives abroad —

siblings, parents and children.

This means 90% of the 400,000 Jews who have indicated they wish to leave will not be able to do so.

So let us support our Soviet Jewry committees in every way possible.

Let us charter buses to the Reagan-Gorbachev summit on Dec. 6 in Washington to make our feelings known. Let us inundate our MPs with letters letting them know how we feel.

Let us send a continuous stream of mail to the people in the kremlin, expressing our concerns.

As my cousin Natan Scharansky said at his recent Massey Hall rally: "It was the housewives and students around the world that got me out of the gulag."

Herb Landis
Toronto

HE LAUNCHES REUNION REGISTRY

I am establishing a registry of families that have organized reunions. I would be pleased to hear from readers who have either arranged or attended such events in North America, Israel, Europe or elsewhere.

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CALLS CONVICT CRITIC CALLOUS

Re Sarah Kirzner's Nov. 5 letter headed "No pity for drug smuggler":

The complete callousness of Kirzner's letter is indicative of a major problem existing in our society. Ms. Kirzner writes:

"Howard Snobel is an admitted convicted narcotics smuggler, and, as such, is not entitled to sympathy and assistance from the Jewish or any other community."

It is precisely this brand of ignorance and cold-heartedness that contributes in an immense way to the unfortunate circumstances of the so-called "criminals."

Snobel originally wrote to The CJN last summer, opening himself up to the possibility of rejection by the Jewish community, when he honestly admitted his wrongdoing and voiced his need to be accepted.

Snobel decided to use the knowledge he acquired from the circumstances in a positive way by offering to teach students about the harms inherent in drug use.

Tamara Tenenbaum
Toronto

JEWISH CONVICT RENEWS PLEA

As a Jewish convict now on partial parole at a Salvation Army halfway house, I would like to thank you for The CJN's support which far exceeded that of the rest of Canada.

It is almost a year since I wrote The CJN, asking for help as well as offering my help. I have had a very wide response of letters from across

Canada and the U.S.

All, I am sad to say, to no avail.

Canadian Jewish Congress sent me a letter with the addresses of federal welfare offices in Toronto, as well as those of Canada Manpower.

As for financial help to reopen one of my businesses, or a job offer, or even my acceptance to help as a volunteer in the drug abuse area . . . Nothing!

Please help me. My address below is for those interested.

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SEEK POLISH SURVIVOR, "STefa"

I write this letter for my friend Wanda, who was a child in a family that hid a young Polish Jewish woman in Crakow, Poland, throughout World War II.

In association with the Altruistic Personality Project, we are seeking information about this woman, whom Wanda knows only by her pseudonym, "Stefa."

Wanda would like very much to locate Stefa, a survivor who was hidden in Crakow-Prokocim, UL. Pilsudskiego 46, 1941-1945. Last seen in Crakow, January, 1945.

Leslie Schwartzman
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HOLOCAUST MARCH LEADER

I found the Oct. 1 Diary of a People column fascinating, but painful as well.

In this piece, David Birkan recounts the circumstances leading up to and following the first major Jewish demonstration in North America. It was staged in Washington by 500 leading Or-

thodox rabbis on Oct. 7, 1943 to protest U.S. inaction on the Holocaust.

Birkan discusses the low-key approach adopted by the official Jewish organizations, such as the American Jewish Congress and the Joint Distribution Committee.

He also quotes from journalist Meyer Nurenberger, who helped to organize the Washington march, that President Franklin D. Roosevelt had originally promised an audience for the rabbis, but later rescinded on the advice of Jewish communal leaders.

I am curious as to the identity of the named journalist. I seem to recall that the founder and original publisher of The CJN was a Mr. Nurenberger. Is this the same person?

Mark Golis
Toronto

David Birkan replies: Yes, it is the same Nurenberger, as was indicated in my reference to his book, *The Doomed And The Scared*.

HOOFERS CAN SO SING!

I would like to protest Frank Rasky's recent critique in The CJN claiming that all the hoofers in the new musical *The Right Step* at the Leah Posluns Theatre "can't sing worth doodly squat."

Obviously your theatre critic is going deaf. I saw the show and I felt that the two lead dancers, Eddie Mekka and Phil Black, were a pair of mind-blowing performers.

They may not have operatic voices, but they certainly do sing with lots of personality.

Doodly squat, indeed! Go buy yourself an ear trumpet, Mr. Rasky.

Janet Samuels
Toronto

Frank Rasky replies: I don't need an ear trumpet to detect doodly squatters when I hear them. Perhaps Mekka and Black blew out your ear drums.



Reader disputes CJN criticism of musical show *The Right Step* and maintains that dancers Eddie Mekka and Phil Black are also gifted "personality singers."

World-National

Live satellite link to CJF General Assembly

Keep fighting for Soviet Jewry, Nudel pleads

By
MARK JOFFE

MIAMI BEACH (JTA)—

Former Prisoner of Zion Ida Nudel thanked American Jews for helping to win her freedom and pleaded with them to be vigilant in their fight on behalf of Soviet Jewry, particularly in light of new anti-semitism inside the USSR.

"An anti-semitic mood is developing very quickly in the Soviet Union," said Nudel, pointing to the rise of a chauvinistic hooligan group called Pamyat.

"Please be very careful. Don't lose the opportunity to plead on behalf of Soviet Jewry," she urged more than 3,000 people Saturday night attending the 56th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations here.

Nudel spoke to the convention via a satellite video hookup from Jerusalem, where the once-exiled human rights activist arrived last month after waiting 16 years to emigrate. CJF delegates appeared spellbound when the larger-than-life, sweetly smiling

countenance of Nudel appeared on huge video screens. One could see the Western Wall behind Nudel in the distance.

"Shalom b'Yerushalayim" (Greetings from Jerusalem), Nudel called out to the convention guests. "Thank you for this moment, when I began to be a Jewish person in my own homeland." Nudel responded to questions from the convention floor, including one from keynote speaker Jeane Kirkpatrick, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

"It is a personal pleasure for me that you are in Israel," Kirkpatrick said. "My question is whether you have any advice on how we, as Americans, can help you as Refuseniks."

Nudel responded, in her halting English, by expressing her thanks to American government officials and "to every girl, every boy, to every man, to every woman" who has taken part in the struggle on behalf of "Jews and non-Jews from the Soviet Union and other lands of oppression."

She urged "every Jew and free people who have the free time" to participate in the massive rally in Washington for Soviet Jews on Dec. 6, the eve of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's visit to the United States.

At a business session, the convention adopted eight of nine proposed resolutions on such policy issues as Jews in lands of distress, the UN resolution on Zionism and arms sales to Arab nations.

A resolution on discrimination by private clubs was sent back to the CJF resolutions committee after concerns were raised that it could bar member federations from holding events at predominantly Jewish country clubs.

One resolution on Catholic-Jewish relations notes progress in the

dialogue between the two faiths since Pope John Paul II offended Jews by granting an audience to Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, who is suspected of complicity in Nazi atrocities.

In another resolution, the CJF recognizes that "two years after the historic airlift" of Ethiopian Jews to Israel, one half of that community is "still waiting in Ethiopia," separated from families in Israel. The estimates range from 10,000-15,000 people.

Conceding that the "prospects for reunification with their kin in the immediate

future are fraught with formidable challenges," the resolution nevertheless pledges that CJF will "continue to explore all effective ways to facilitate aliyah and to assure the effective absorption of Ethiopian Jews" into Israel.

The convention also adopted an omnibus resolution on various domestic policy and "human needs" issues. Noting the "growing gap between the haves and have-nots," the resolution points out that 15% of the U.S. population — 33 million people — lives in poverty.

White supremacists convicted in Denver

DENVER (JTA) —

Alan Berg was killed because he was a Jew and a radio personality, a U.S. district court jury decided last week in convicting two white supremacists of civil rights violations in the murder of Berg, a Denver radio talk-show host.

The jury, having deliberated for 10 hours over two days, convicted Bruce Pierce and David Lane. Acquitted of the charges were Richard Scutari and Jean

Craig, as the jury apparently heard no evidence clearly linking them to the crime.

All four are former members of the white supremacists group known variously as the Silent Brotherhood or The Order. Prosecutors had contended throughout the trial that Pierce was the triggerman in the June 1984 murder and that Lane drove the getaway car.

Scutari's role was never clearly established during the trial. Craig had been ac-

cused of trailing Berg for the group in the weeks before the shooting.

The 12 jurors examined a complex set of legal conditions to determine whether the defendants deprived Berg of his civil rights in the slaying which, under federal law, must include not only the act of murder but the intent to kill Berg because of his Jewish religion, and the fact that the murder prevented his exercise of free speech.

The prosecution, which relied largely upon the testimony of other Brotherhood members, tried to prove that the four's actions were part of a conspiracy to overthrow the U.S. government through counterfeiting, robbery and assassination of prominent American Jewish figures.

Prosecutor Thomas O'Rourke, in his arguments before the jury, held up the MAC-10 machine pistol used in Berg's murder and called it the Silent Brotherhood's "messenger of hate." He called the murder an "ugly vicious crime," and referred to a number of witnesses who claimed that the four defendants had admitted their roles in the execution-style slaying.

Defence attorneys pointed to inconsistencies in testimony from a number of government witnesses and cast doubt on the witnesses' credibility since several gained lighter sentences from earlier racketeering convictions in exchange for their testimony in this trial.

The defence conceded that the four talked fairly openly about their anti-semitic feelings and Berg's murder, but that the evidence linking them to the crime was largely circumstantial.

Defence attorneys also argued that Berg could not be considered Jewish in the context of this trial since, even though born of Jewish parents, he was not a practicing Jew and had claimed on the air to have had doubts about the existence of God.

Prosecutors countered that Silent Brotherhood members, however, used their perception of Berg as a Jew as a primary motive for their crime.

Israeli inflation rises 1.5% in Oct.

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Israel's cost-of-living index rose by 1.5% during October, bringing inflation for the year so far to 13%, the Central Bureau of Statistics said last week.

Economists, who had feared October's increase would exceed 2%, welcomed the news as heralding success for the government's economic policies and fight against inflation.

They predicted the annual inflation rate for 1987 would come in at around 16%, dramatically lower than the triple-digit annual percentages of a few years ago.

Meanwhile, a public opinion poll indicates that a plurality of Israelis support a new devaluation of the shekel. Proposals to devalue the shekel have been prompted by the rapidly declining U.S. dollar, to which the shekel's value has been linked.

Devaluation of the shekel could trigger a steep rise in prices and spark new demands from the labor force for wage hikes. It would also likely require sharp cuts in the budget — a politically unpopular move, especially as Israel moves into an election year.

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3A1.

ORENSTEIN — GOREN — ORKIN

Aaron, brother of Moses, the first High Priest of Judaism, is remembered in a series of surnames like AARONS and AARONSON.

Less obvious are variants like ORENSTEIN, the surname of Beth Tzedec Synagogue's dynamic director Jack.

The Cockney influence gives rise to HOREN and HORENSTEIN. Another step removed is GOREN (where the Russian "G" replaces the "H" — a familiar name to bridge fans).

AGRANOV and AGRONSKY are similar mutations.

My distinguished colleague Mark ORKIN can trace his surname to the same source.

West Germany hopes to get Schwammberger

BONN (JTA) —

West Germany Justice Minister Hans Engelhard says he hopes accused Nazi war criminal Joseph Schwammberger will soon be extradited from Argentina to West Germany, despite the lack of an extradition treaty between the two countries.

Argentine federal police arrested the 75-year-old fugitive in the province of Cordoba. The accused mass murderer of Polish Jews had been renting a room at a ranch in La Huerta and apparently had plans to flee.

In what appears to be a response to Schwammberger's arrest, the doors of a synagogue in Buenos Aires were blown off, according to the World Jewish Congress.

Schwammberger has been in Argentina for about 38 years, having fled, it is believed, with the help of the Nazi network Odessa. The Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center

reports that he was arrested in Austria in 1948.

West Germany had asked Argentina for Schwammberger's extradition 14 years ago. Last month, following a news conference in Jerusalem convened by the Wiesenthal Center, Argentine television telephoned to the centre's dean, Rabbi Marvin Hier, asking for details about Schwammberger.

Argentine authorities had indicated to West Germany that they would extradite Schwammberger if they could arrest him. Engelhard said that Schwammberger's arrest comes largely as the result of close cooperation between authorities in Buenos Aires and Bonn.

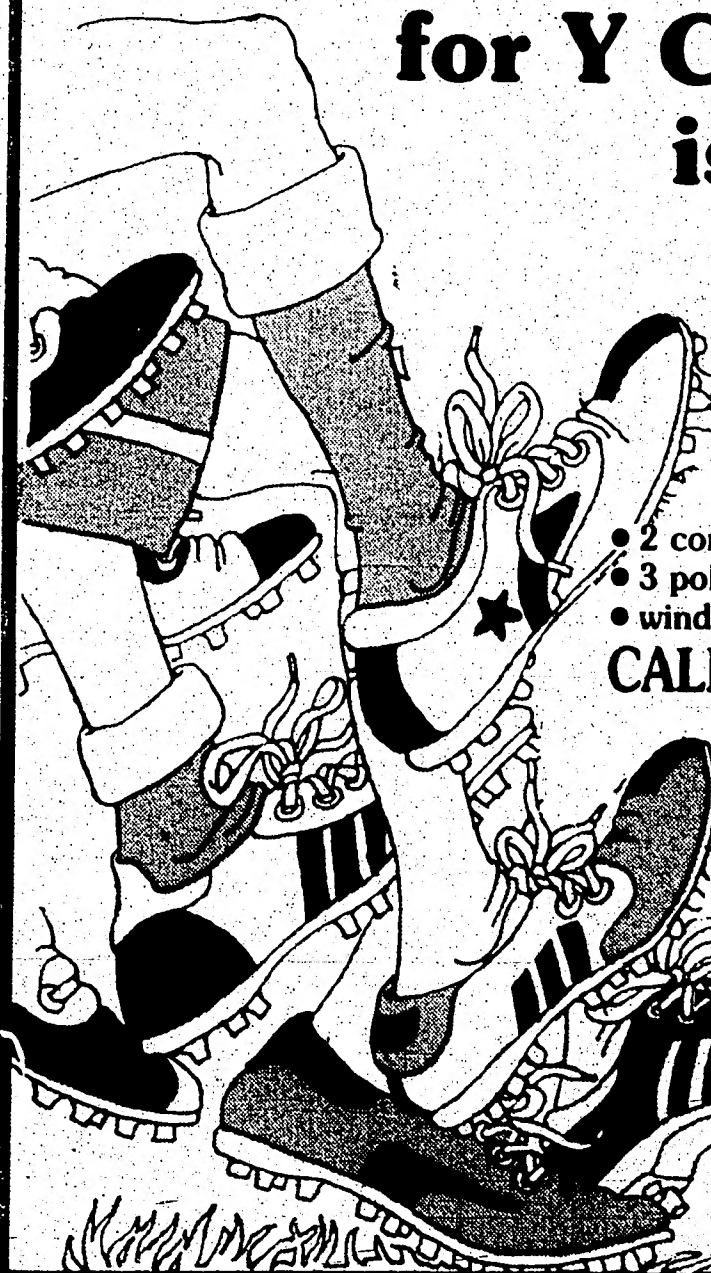
Engelhard praised Argentine police for their success in apprehending Schwammberger. He said the arrest proved that a network of international exchanges of information was functioning well.

The World Jewish Congress indicated that Schwammberger is listed in the long-secret United Nations War Crimes Commission archives as wanted for murder. The WJC located Schwammberger's name on the master list of dossiers contained in the archives.

Schwammberger's file indicates he was an SS guard leader at the Przemysl labor camp and Rozwadow ghetto, and that he was wanted for murder by Poland in 1947. Schwammberger was placed in the UN War Crimes Commission's "A" category, its most serious listing, which was based on the commission's determination that the evidence justified immediate prosecution.

In addition, says the WJC, the UN file contains evidentiary material of Schwammberger's having sent Jews to Auschwitz, as well as personal responsibility for mass shootings.

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Soviet Jewry activist Stern on Reagan-Gorbachev summit:

Washington protest rally may be a turning point

By
WENDY ROSEN

MONTREAL —

The Soviet Jewry rally in Washington the eve before the U.S.-Soviet summit meeting has the potential for being an important page in Jewish history perhaps even to the extent of being a turning point, a Canadian activist says.

Barbara Stern, chairman of the National Committee for Soviet Jewry of Canadian Jewish Congress, said that in terms of emigration, "Soviets are making token gestures.

"There is no better way (than the rally) to show them that tokenism is not enough. We hope it will make the Soviets understand that they have to do something which will have a permanent effect on human rights for Soviet Jews."

In reiterating the need for a systematic, regular emigration process for those Soviet Jews who wish to leave and cultural freedom for those who don't, she noted that when former Soviet premier Aleksei Kosygin visited Ottawa in 1972, a throng of more than 10,000 demonstrated against his country's human rights abuses.

That rally, together with other factors such as Strategic Arms Limitation Talks and the Jackson-Vanek Amendment, under which the United States' good neighbors get trade concessions, underlined the West's concern with human rights and forced the Soviets to make concessions in the area of an individual's right to emigrate.

In 1972, Jewish emigration from the USSR was 31,681 more than half again the previous year's total of 13,022. Figures rose dramatically — a record high of 51,320 was set in 1979 — until 1980 when it dropped to 21,471.

Stern said the Soviets are aware and sensitive to the magnitude of the Washington protest to the extent of approaching some participants to get them to withdraw from it. One person whom she spoke to told the Soviets that if they were prepared to let out any Jew who would like to leave, there would be no reason to hold the rally.

The rally itself will not only send a message to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, who will be arriving the next evening, but also give U.S. President Ronald Reagan encouragement to take a hard line on the human rights issue.

Holding the rally on Sunday the day before Gorbachev arrives for the summit was "a considered approach." She explained that not only would the march attract larger numbers on a Sunday but it would receive better press coverage on the Monday — the day he arrives — if it did not have to compete for space with his actual arrival.

"Had we held it on Monday, the coverage in Tuesday's papers would

not be as distinct as it will be by separating the events."

In addition to the char-

tered Flights for Freedom from Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa, at least one bus of students will leave

from Toronto and Montreal. Representation from the Maritimes is expected and a delegation of 10 Van-

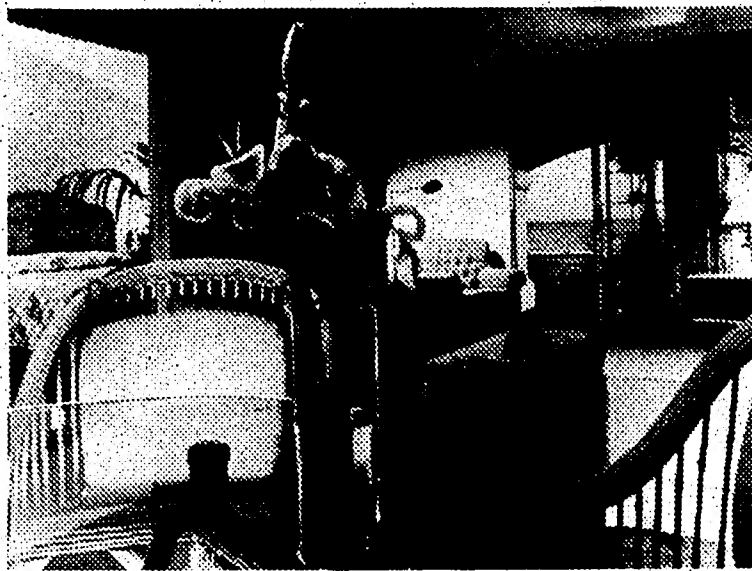
couverites will drive after Shabbat to Seattle from where they'll fly to Washington.

As well, many Canadians will be in the U.S. cities that week. Stern asks that any who are interest-

ed in joining the Canadian delegation in Washington to call Sylvia Abish at (514) 931-7531.



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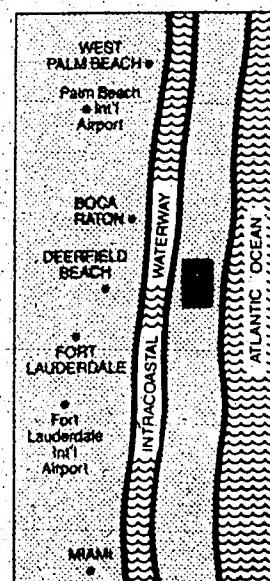
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Meets with Reagan and Shultz

Shamir: U.S. wants "giant step" on Soviet Jewry

By
DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA)—

Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir expressed confidence last week that the United States will strive to "make a giant step" to solve the issue of Soviet Jewry during next month's summit meeting here between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

After meeting with Reagan at the White House for about 15 minutes and then spending about two

hours at the state department with Secretary of State George Shultz and his senior aides, Shamir said he was "really encouraged" about the "more than sympathetic attitude" about the problem shown by Reagan and Shultz.

"We hope that Secretary Gorbachev will come away (from the summit) with the understanding and conviction that Soviet Jews must be given their rights," Shamir told a gathering sponsored by the Washington Institute for Near East Policy at which he

described his talks with the Reagan administration earlier in the day.

He outlined these rights as allowing "those Jews who wish to do so, to leave the USSR and come to Israel" and permitting all Jews in the Soviet Union to have schools and synagogues, learn Hebrew and exercise their religion and culture. After the state department meeting, Shultz stressed that achieving these rights was a "joint concern" of the United States and Israel.

Shamir came to Washington after addressing the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations in Miami Beach. His visit to the White House was termed unofficial and came 11 days after President Chaim Herzog made the first state visit to Washington by an Israeli President.

The Middle East peace process was also discussed at the White House and state department, Shamir said. He reiterated his opposition to an international conference.

Both Shamir and Shultz stressed that the only way to achieve peace was through direct negotiations between Israel and its Arab neighbors, but Shultz repeated the administration's position that it was not "ruling out" any means of achieving direct talks, including an international conference.

Asked about reports that there was a proposal for Reagan and Gorbachev to invite Israel, Syria and Jordan to come to the summit for peace talks, Shamir said he knew nothing about it. He also denied reports that he had met recently with King Hussein of Jordan.

According to reports, the meeting would serve as the international umbrella sought by Jordan for direct negotiations with Israel. Jordan reportedly rejected the proposal. It was not clear whether the meeting was to have been held at the summit, or sometime later.

Shamir said that he had praised the United States effort in the Persian Gulf to both Reagan and Shultz. He said the countries in the area understand they "owe their stability and security to American readiness" to guarantee the freedom of navigation in the gulf.

The Israeli Premier said the United States effort in the gulf also had a "very clear" impact on the recent Arab summit in Amman. He said that summit demonstrated that the moderate countries now had the upper hand.

He expressed especial pleasure that the summit decided to allow Arab states to restore ties with Egypt which he said could lead to those countries following Egypt's example in seeking peace with Israel.

At the White House, Shamir said he expressed concern that the budget cuts in the United States might result in reducing the \$3 billion in economic and military grants Israel receives from the United States.

Later, Shamir explained that the \$1.2 billion in economic aid Israel receives annually goes directly back to the United States to pay off the interest on loans for the military equipment Israel bought from the United States.

Asked about the remarks by some members of his

Likud bloc that Israel should expel Arabs, Shamir rejected any such policy. "We don't think about expelling anyone from our country; not Arabs, not Jews, not others," he said. "Our aim is to live in peace and co-existence with all inhabitants of our country."

Talmud on-line from Bar-Ilan U

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U of T became interested in the service as a result of Prof. Choueka's visits to U of T this year. A grant from the Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan has helped subsidize the service's first year of operation.

Lancashire said people wanting to use the service should telephone (978-4238) or visit the Centre for Computing in the Humanities on the 14th floor of the Robarts Library. Staff at the centre, funded by IBM Canada Ltd., make the

actual entries into the computer, giving the caller the resulting information.

U of T officials would like to keep the service free for at least several years, he said. As a result, a special trust fund is being set up in an effort to cover future on-line membership fees and long distance telephone charges.

To contribute to the fund, call John Corbett at 978-4238 or write to the centre at the Robarts Library, 14th floor, 130 St. George St., University of Toronto, Toronto M5S 1A5.

Weiner announcement:

Immigrant level to rise

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

The number of immigrants federal officials plan to bring into this country next year will be increased by 10,000, says the minister of state for immigration.

As a result, between 125,000 and 135,000 immigrants are expected to make Canada their home in 1988, Gerry Weiner told a news conference of ethnic press recently.

The federal Conservative government has also strengthened its commitment to protect those fearing persecution in other countries, he said.

"In 1988, we expect to admit 13,000 government-assisted refugees, an increase of 1,000 from last year's announced level," said the 54-year-old politician and pharmacist.

"This amounts to a 30% increase in direct government-sponsored refugees since this government took office in 1984."

Weiner — recently honored in Montreal as Canadian Friends of Amal's Man of the Year



Gerry Weiner

— said the majority of this increase will involve refugees from Latin America, Eastern Europe and West Asia.

"We will continue to work closely with the United Nations high commissioner for refugees to find solutions to the problems both first asylum and resettlement countries face with major increases in refugee arrivals."

About 2,000 people will also be admitted as refugees as a result of "positive recommendations" by the Refugee Status Advisory Committee.

The government has also set a planning range for humanitarian admissions under special cir-

cumstances. This range has been set at between 3,000 and 6,000 people in 1988.

Weiner said there will continue to be no limit on private refugee sponsorship. It is expected 6,000 privately-sponsored refugees from abroad will be brought into this country, bringing the overseas total to 19,000, an increase of 2,000 from last year.

"That may not sound dramatic, but let me tell you it comes at a time when other countries are closing their doors, when no other country has increased their commitment or numbers of refugees that are being allowed to be welcomed on their shores."

Weiner said the bulk of increases in 1988 immigration levels will be "earmarked for family class landings."

About 50,000 people will be reunited with their relatives next year. "If more come forward, and are eligible, they will be happily accepted," he said.

Changes in family class immigration, expected to come into effect next spring, will expand this area even further.

People selected to immigrate to Canada or being sponsored by family members already here will be able to include their unmarried sons and daughters 21 years of age and over.

Previously, those over 21 were not considered dependents and were assessed in the "assisted relative class," Weiner said.

The immigration selection system will also be modified to award more bonus points to married sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters. The bonus points will be increased from 10 to 15 in the assisted relative category, he said.

"These measure reflect the spirit and intent of the various recommendations made by the Standing Committee on Labor, Employment and Immigration," Weiner said.

"They will result in greater opportunity for families to reunite, and will be implemented as soon as the existing regulations in this area are amended."

Weiner said government officials have also "streamlined" the family class processing system.

"We are making every effort to make the application process easier both for sponsors in Canada and those overseas," he said.

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Montreal groups protest

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Montreal delegation from getting involved in the issue of Who is a Jew.

"Montreal Jewry," he says, "is very concerned, disturbed and upset when a public organization interferes in religious matters. This interference is causing a major split amongst Montreal Jews to the extent that prominent rabbis, businessmen and laymen suggest the establishment of a separate federation."

"In the name of UNITY and for the sake of the Montreal tradition of exceptional harmony, I trust that you will do your utmost to have this issue shelved and that your righteous attitude will serve as an example for other delegations."

MIAMI BEACH (JTA) —

Legislation defining "who is a Jew" in Israel would "wreak deep divisiveness and widespread disaffection" in the world Jewish community if it ever passed the Knesset, the outgoing president of the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) said last week.

"The political parties of Israel should not deal with this matter through the Knesset," Shoshana Cardin told some 3,000 delegates attending CJF's 56th General Assembly here.

Speaking at the opening plenary session, Cardin affirmed that it is not CJF's role to "comment on what are and what are not appropriate conversion procedures, nor do we repre-

sent any specific ideology."

But likewise, she said, Israel's major political parties should not exploit the long standing controversy over whether people converted to Judaism by non-Orthodox rabbis should be recognized as Jews in Israel.

"This issue must not be used for political trading by the major parties either to fashion or to topple a government," Cardin said.

"Our hope," she added, "is that both major parties will reject any such attempt, for we have good reason to fear that such legislation will wreak deep divisiveness and widespread disaffection — neither of which would bode well for Israel or for Diaspora Jewry."

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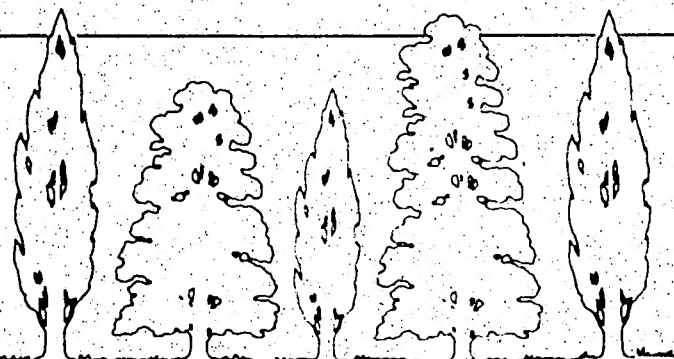
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What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

HOLIDAY DEADLINES

Due to the upcoming holiday season and the usual mail jam that goes with it, we will be making some deadline changes for the What's New and About People columns. So get your pen and paper out and mark down these dates —

The deadline for the Dec. 17 and 24 issues is Friday, Dec. 4, at 4 p.m. I will be at my desk all that day to receive your calls. And, since we are not publishing the Dec. 31 issue, all items that would ordinarily appear in that issue must be included in the Dec. 4 deadline.

Also, the deadline for the Jan. 8 issue is Monday, Dec. 21, at 5 p.m. Hope to hear from you then.

Thursday, Nov. 26

RELIGION & STATE IN ISRAEL

The New Israel Fund of Canada invites you to hear a talk on Internal Borders: The Relationship of Religion and State in Israel on Thursday, Nov. 26. The guest speakers will be Danny Rubinstein, secular Jew and staff columnist of the newspaper Davar, and Shmuel Safrai, Orthodox Jew and professor of Jewish history, Hebrew University.

The time is 7.30 p.m. at Beth Shalom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. There is a suggested \$5 admission fee. For further information, call New Israel Fund at 785-1707.

BASIC JUDAISM SERIES

The Basic Judaism lecture series continues on Thursday, Nov. 26, with Shabbat and Holidays by Rabbi Philip Scheim. The lecture takes place at 7.30 p.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge.

Following the lecture, Chana Werner is teaching an optional course in beginning Hebrew reading and prayer from 9-10 p.m.

For information, contact Rabbi Howard Markose at 635-5340.

CHAVURAT HAMASORET

Young adults, ages 18-25, are invited to participate in the second season of Chavurat Hamasoret, an informal Jewish studies program designed with you in mind. It meets every Thursday evening at Adath Israel Synagogue, beginning at 7.30 with a Torah study class with Sholom Eisenstat, followed at 8.45 with a discussion.

On Thursday, Nov. 26, Manuel Prutschi, director of community relations, Canadian Jewish Congress, will discuss Community Relations Issues Facing CJC.

For information, call Jonathan Shiff at 789-2193.

Saturday, Nov. 28

"IF WE TRY" CASINO NIGHT

Saturday, Nov. 28 is the date of the Toronto-Bayview Regional Cancer Centre's "If We Try" Casino Night and a most hilarious auction conducted by Dr. Rob Buckman. The fun and games run from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at 2075 Bayview Ave.

Admission is \$5. All proceeds will go towards the completion and equipping of a cancer research facility in the centre.

Sunday, Nov. 29

NAZI WAR CRIMINALS IN CANADA

Alti Rodal, historian and author of the report on Nazi war criminals of the Deschenes Commission, will be speaking at B'nai Torah Congregation on Sunday, Nov. 29. Her topic will be Nazi War Criminals in Canada: History and Policy Since the 1940s.

The time is 7 p.m. at the synagogue, 465

Patricia Ave. Refreshments will be served and admission is free.

GRAND SOCIETY MEETING

The next meeting of GRAND (Grandparents Requesting Access and Dignity) Society is set for Sunday, Nov. 29, at 1.30 p.m. at 16 Spadina Rd. The subject will be All You Ever Wanted To Know About Grandparenting But Were Afraid to Ask.

For information, call 469-5471 or 766-9524.

JEWS IN ARAB LANDS

At the Sunday, Nov. 29, breakfast meeting of Beth Torah Brotherhood, Saleh Mukamel will be speaking on Jews in Arab Lands.

Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9.30.

COSTUME JEWELRY SALE

You'll find some great Chanukah gifts for all ages at the costume jewelry sale sponsored by Ilana Chapter, Emunah Women, on Sunday, Nov. 29.

Priced at 50¢ to the dollar (retail value \$8-\$13), the sale runs for this one day only from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Emunah office, 3768 Bathurst St., Suite 308 (at Wilson).

For information, call 635-9847.

BETH SHOLOM BROTHERHOOD

The Beth Shalom Brotherhood Tefillin and Breakfast Club meeting on Sunday, Nov. 29, features well-known Zionist leader Max Goody who will be speaking on A New Look at the Life of Abraham.

Services are at 9.30 a.m., breakfast at 10 and the speaker at 10.30.

NEW JEWISH AGENDA

This month's meeting of New Jewish Agenda will take place Sunday, Nov. 29, at 7.30 p.m. and will feature a discussion on Alternate Lifestyles in the Jewish Community or Whatever Happened to 2.2?

For information regarding NJA membership and this month's meeting, phone 486-0653 or 652-3812.

THE GULF WAR

The Gulf War and the Middle East Peace Process is what Prof. Mordechai Abir will be discussing at the Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood-Breakfast Club meeting on Sunday, Nov. 29.

Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9.30 and the speaker at 10.

RUMMAGE SALE

First class merchandise is all that will be sold at Beth Radom Sisterhood's annual rummage sale on Sunday, Nov. 29, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the synagogue, 18 Reiner Rd., Downsview (3 blocks south of Sheppard, just west of Bathurst).

ABOUT JANUSSZ KORCZACK

At the Temple Sinai Brotherhood meeting on Sunday, Nov. 29, Prof. Edwin Kulawiec, professor of education at the University of Southern Maine, will be speaking on The Life and Times of Janusz Korczak, famous Polish Jewish author, social worker and educational psychologist who was martyred along with 200 orphans by the Nazis in 1942.

The meeting begins at 9.30 a.m. A light breakfast will be served. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Holy Blossom Temple Singles invites young professionals under the age of 49 to an evening with David Shatzky, host of CBC Radio 740's Radio Noon Phone-In and For Your Information programs on Sunday, Nov. 29, at 8 p.m. at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

Admission is \$2. Refreshments will be served.

Monday, Nov. 30

ZIONISM AND THE MEDIA

Toronto Telem, the movement for Zionist fulfilment, is presenting Zionism and the Media, an insider's look at the Israeli media with New York City and Jerusalem Post writer Calev Ben-David. The date is Monday, Nov. 30, at 7.30 p.m. at 358 Lippincott St. (Bloor-Bathurst area).

For information, call Sarah at 533-9704 or Ilan at 782-3742.

HOW TO BE HEALTHY VEGETARIAN

How To be a Healthy Vegetarian is the title of the address by Darrell Wolfe, teacher, author and lecturer on preventive medicine and nutrition, being featured by the Jewish Vegetarian Society on Monday, Nov. 30.

The lecture begins at 7.30 p.m. at the Board of Education Building, 155 College St., 6th floor (at McCaul). The charge is \$5 non-members, \$2 members, students and seniors. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

FASHION SHOW

New Dimensions Fashion Show and Sale featuring 14 Toronto designers takes place Mon-



LOUGHEED HONORED

Former Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed (centre) is presented with the 1987 B'nai B'rith Canada Award for the City of Calgary by BBC national vice-president Jack Feingold (left) and executive vice-president Frank Dimant at a black-tie dinner held in Calgary recently.

day, Nov. 30, at Spectrum, 2714 Danforth Ave. (at Main St.) Doors open at 7 p.m.

The show will present silk lounge wear, men's, women's and children's sports wear, evening wear and bridal wear.

Tickets are \$12 in advance at BASS Ticketmaster or \$14 at the door. Sponsored by Joico Professional Hair Products, all proceeds from ticket sales will go to the Canadian Cancer Society.

ADELE WISEMAN TO SPEAK

On Monday, Nov. 30, Chapters Bookstore Cafe hosts a dinner and discussion with novelist Adele Wiseman reading from a new collection of autobiographical essays, Memoirs of a Book-Molesting Childhood.

The time is 8 p.m. at 2360 Yonge St. For reservations and more information, call 481-9203.

DIALOGUES ON SEX

Holy Blossom Temple's Dialogue on Sex series concludes on Monday, Nov. 30, at 8 p.m. with a panel discussion on Sexual Mores, Reform Attitudes and Traditional Demands.

Tuesday, Dec. 1

INQUIRY ON JEWISH YOUTH

Is the Toronto community losing the battle for its youth (13-18)? If so, why? A public inquiry is being jointly sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation, Shaarei Shomayim Congregation and Association for Jewish Survival on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 7.30 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

Panelists will include Lester Scheininger, president, Associated Hebrew Schools; Mira Koschitzky, chairman of national executive of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, and Max Shecter, president, Canadian Zionist Federation, Central Region.

All major youth organizations have been invited to participate and the public is invited to attend and join the discussion.

UNDERDOG OR OVERLORD

Underdog or Overlord: Israel's Place in the Middle East is the topic of the talk David Weinberg, director of research, Canada-Israel Committee, will be giving at the Adath Israel Sisterhood meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 8.15 p.m. at the synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave.

The charge is \$2 members, \$3 non-members. For information, call Millie Jacobs at 633-1962 or Diane Papernick at 731-3299.

SEMINAR FOR WOMEN

The Women's Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress-Endowment Fund is presenting a seminar for women entitled Taxes, Minimizing the Pain.

Accountant Charlotte Haber will speak on Preparing Your 1987 Tax Return — Year End Tips That May Save You Taxes, and tax lawyer Joanne Swystun will discuss 1988 Tax reform and What It Can Mean To You.

The date is Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. Buffet supper is at 6.30 p.m. The cost is \$12 per person. RSVP by calling 635-2883, ext. 138.

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The T'nach Study Group meeting on Tuesday,

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CTS DINNER

A festive dinner evening was held at the home of Sid and Shirley Cohen during the national convention of the Canadian Technion Society held in Toronto recently. From left are David Azrieli, national president, CTS; Dr. Max Reis, president, Technion-Israel Institute of Technology; Ambassador Israel Gur-Arieh, and Arnold Recht, president, Toronto chapter.

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Dec. 1, will deal with the Book of Daniel, Chapter III, with **Rabbi Pinchas Brummer**. The time is 8.15-10 p.m. at Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St.

The T'nach Study Group is a program of the Toronto Jewish Cultural Council of Toronto Jewish Congress.

COLLECTING JUDAICA

Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., invites the community to an illustrated lecture by **Jay Weinstein** on Judaica: An Introduction to Collecting on Tuesday, Dec. 1, from 8-10 p.m. Mr. Weinstein, director of Judaica, Sotheby's, New York, will take a few examples of Judaica from the audience for evaluation and discussion.

This lecture is part of a continuing series on Jews and Their Art offered on alternate Tuesday evenings at the synagogue.

WHO IS A JEW?

The Shaarei Tefillah Congregation Institute, conducted by **Rabbi Moshe Stern**, continues on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 8 p.m. with Who Is A Jew?, the continuing controversy in Israel and the Diaspora.

There is no charge and refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, Dec. 2

SUICIDE AND ITS IMPACT

The Benjamin Institute for Community Education and Referral is sponsoring a public lecture entitled Suicide and Its Impact on the Family by **Karen Letofsky**, executive director, Survivors Support Program.

The lecture will be held Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 8 p.m. at the Toronto Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave. The program is free of charge. For more information, call 663-9060.

RABBI ROSENBERG TO SPEAK

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Institute presents **Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg**, author of the book The Christian Problem: A Jewish View, on Wednesday, Dec. 2, from 7.30-8.30 p.m. His topic will be Christianity and the Holocaust.

WOMEN AND TEFILLAH

The third in the series Women and Tefillah sponsored by Emunah Women on Wednesday, Dec. 2, will focus on Biblical Women: Their Contributions to Prayer with **Rabbi Avishai David**, rosh yeshiva, Yeshivat Or Chaim.

It takes place at 8.30 p.m. at Ulpant Orot, 45 Canyon Ave. (Bathurst and Sheppard). Admission is free. For more information, call 635-9847.

COPING WITH DEATH IN THE FAMILY

At Holy Blossom Temple on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 8 p.m. **Gerald Schneiderman**, well-known child psychiatrist and author, will speak on Coping With Death In The Family.

This is a Raye Raxlan-Gould and Joseph Gould Memorial Lecture.

FROM HOLOGRAPHY TO STAR WARS

The Toronto Chapter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science and the Ontario Science Centre are sponsoring a public symposium entitled From Holography to Star Wars. There will be an exhibit, demonstration and symposium on the use of lasers and their effect on society and the individual.

Panelists will be **John Hammond**, the Pentagon, Washington; **Dr. Mark Mandelcorn**, retina consultant, Mount Sinai Hospital; **Ken Stebbles**, director, electro-optics division, Defence Research Establishment Valcartier, Que., and **Prof. Moshe Shapiro**, head, chemical physics department, Weizmann Institute. The moderator will be **David Schatzky**, host, Radio Noon, CBC.

The symposium is being held on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 7.30 p.m. at the Ontario Science Centre, 770 Don Mills Rd. The public is welcome and there is no admission fee.

TODAY'S WOMAN

Today's Woman, the Fair with Flair, is being presented by Hadar Branch, National Council of Jewish Women, on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St.

Tickets are \$3 or two for \$5 in advance or \$4 at the door. For information and tickets, call 633-5100.

MANIC-DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Manic-Depressive Association will be Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 7.30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 175 St. Clair Ave. W. A film entitled Four Lives: A Portrait of Manic Depression will be shown.

The association also holds monthly support

groups at six locations across Metro Toronto. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call 486-8046.

Thursday, Dec. 3

ANTIQUA SALE

Hamilton's Beth Jacob Sisterhood is holding an antique sale of fine English silver, Israeli silver jewelry, porcelain, jewelry and furniture on Thursday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the synagogue, 375 Aberdeen Ave., Hamilton. The sale is mounted in cooperation with **Donald Bethune**.

Admission and refreshments are free. For information call 522-1351 in Hamilton.

JEWISH-CHRISTIAN DIALOGUE

The Jewish-Christian Dialogue Group is meeting on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 7.30 p.m. at the Metro Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St. For information, call 673-6054 or 764-0014.

And What Else Is New...

AT SHAAAREH HAIM

Shaareh Haim Synagogue of Richmond Hill will be holding another in its series of Learner's Services on Saturday, Nov. 28, at 9 a.m. at the McConaghy Centre, 10100 Yonge St. (just north of Major Mackenzie Dr.). This service is designed for those who wish to know the meaning of prayers, the structure of the service and the proper melodies. This month's Learner's Service will concentrate on the Mussaf or additional service. Everyone is welcome.

The Sunday morning workshops continue on Nov. 29, at 10 with a workshop on Inter-marriage. It begins with a morning service followed by a light breakfast, the film What Paul Told Mary and a discussion led by **Rabbi Lawrence Troster**. The workshop is being held at Roselawn Public School in Richmond Hill (Carrville and Avenue roads, north of Hwy 7.).

Sunday, Nov. 29, is the date of Shaareh Haim's 2nd annual Torahthon. This evening of lectures, films, slide presentations and workshops takes place from 7.30-11 p.m. at the McConaghy Centre.

Speakers include **Bernie Farber** (Teaching Stereotypes: The Merchant of Venice in Our Schools), **Marcie Gilbert** (New Jewish Rituals), **Rabbi Lawrence Troster** and **Joel Troster** (workshop on Exotic Jewish Cooking), **Rev. Ken Gallinger** (The State of Christian-Jewish Dialogue Today), **Renee Goorvich** (Art of Jewish Textiles), **Cantor Joseph Cooper** (speaking on his recent return trip to his hometown in Poland), **Nancy Wallack** (Bible session entitled Jacob Two Two Meets the Nasty Brother), **Cyrel Troster** (The History of the Jews of Toronto), and **Terry Winston** (Modern Jewish Etiquette).

For information about all these programs, contact Rabbi Troster at 737-3080.

CHAZZANIM GO CHASSIDIC

On Monday, Dec. 7, at 8 p.m. the Toronto Council of Chazanim is presenting a concert at Holy Blossom Temple. This program, Chazanim Go Chassidic, is a delightful blend of Israeli, chassidic and cantorial music.

Featured artists are **Cantors A. Eliezer Kirshblum**, **Adath Israel**; **Paul Kowarsky**, **Beth Tzedec**; **Benjamin Maissner**, **Holy Blossom**, and **Sheldon Merel**, **Beth Israel in San Diego**.

Patrons (\$500), Benefactors (\$250), Sponsors (\$100), and Friends (\$36) will receive two tickets in reserved sections and tax deductible receipts. General admission is \$9 per ticket.

For tickets and information, call Holy Blossom at 789-3291 or Beth Tzedec at 781-3511 or Adath Israel at 635-5340.

CHAPLAINCY SERVICES

Isolation and loneliness are the daily realities for those living in institutions. Jewish Family & Child Service, Chaplaincy Services, need individuals and groups willing to reach out and bring the warmth of human contact to those in nursing homes, hospitals and prisons.

Organizations can adopt an institution or you may visit on an individual basis. Professional training is provided.

If you would like more information, JF & CS staff would be pleased to meet with your organization or with individuals personally. Contact **Rochelle Meltz**, coordinator, Chaplaincy services, at 638-7800, ext. 280.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE MIDRASH

Learn about the origins of the Midrash and analyze interesting and instructive Midrashot at the 3-lecture series, An Introduction to the Midrash, conducted by **Rabbi David Aronson**.

The dates are Wednesdays, Dec. 2, 9 and 16 from 8-9.30 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation, 100 Elder St. The public is invited and there is no charge.

SHAAAREI BETH-EL SHABBATON

Judaism and Christianity — The Parting of the



GOLDA MEIR CLUB LUNCHEON

At a recent Golda Meir Club luncheon were (from left) **Roma Buchman**, co-chairman, Golda Meir Club; **Harriet Morton**, national chairman; **Menachem Meir**, son of the late Golda Meir, guest speaker; **Sheila Rotman**, co-chairman, Golda Meir Club, and **Sylvia Shawn**, Toronto Israel Bonds Women's Division chairman.



SOLDIERS' TEA

The Apter Ladies Auxiliary recently held an annual tea at the home of **Freda Szeinfeld** with proceeds earmarked for the Association for Soldiers of Israel. From left are **Sarah Marmurek**, **Paula Starkman**, **Gordon Mendly** (chairman for organizations and groups, ASI), **Rose Applebaum**, **Shirley Bornstein** and **Freda Szeinfeld**.

Ways is the theme of the Shabbaton Oakville's Shaarei Beth-El Congregation is holding Saturday, Dec. 5. It begins with services at 9 a.m. and continues with an all-day study session with **Rabbi Edward Goldfarb**, ending with havdalah at 5 p.m.

Lunch will be served at a cost of \$5 per person. To register, call the synagogue office at 849-6000 between 9 a.m. and noon, Monday to Friday.

Also, babysitting can be provided, depending on the demand. The cost would be shared.

JUDAICA SHOP CHANUKAH SALE

The Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood Judaica Shop annual Chanukah sale, taking place Tuesdays, Dec. 1 and 8, will be offering a 10% reduction on the entire stock.

The sale runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

CANTORS IN CONCERT

On Tuesday, Dec. 8, **Cantors Misha Alexandrovitch**, **Tibor Kelen**, **Efraim Sapir**, **Hesh Mayersdorf** with **Gabrielle Kelen** will be appearing in a concert entitled Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Remembers.

The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. Subscription is \$50, \$25, \$18 and \$6. For information, call the synagogue at 633-5500.

THYROID FOUNDATION

The Thyroid Foundation of Canada, Metropolitan Toronto Chapter, is presenting **Dr. Robert Volpe**, the Foundation medical advisor and past president of the American Thyroid Association, on Nov. 28. His topic will be The Natural History of Autoimmune Thyroid Disease.

The time is 2 p.m. at Sunnybrook Medical Centre, 2075 Bayview Ave. Everyone is welcome and admission is free. For information, call 267-1555.

OUR MUSICAL LEGACY

Temple Sinai's Musical legacy series continues on Friday, Dec. 4, with An Oneg Shabbat Singalong. Following services, which begin at 8.15 p.m., join **Ben Steinberg**, **Cantor Severin Weingort** and the Temple Sinai choir for an audience singalong program of familiar and not-so-familiar Jewish songs.

WINTER WONDERLAND

Winter Wonderland for Children, a cross-country ski camp for boys and girls ages 8-16, will be operated by the Jewish Camp Council from Dec. 20-27 at Maple Lake Resort in Parry Sound.

The cost of \$225 per child covers an all-inclusive package with ski lessons and equipment, tobogganing and a wide range of outdoor activities, arts and crafts, music, dance and full-length movies as well as transportation. The food is prepared under the supervision of Canadian Jewish Congress Kashruth Division.

For information, call the Jewish Camp Council at 6630-1180.

HAR TIKVAH CONGREGATION

Har Tikvah Congregation of Brampton, serving Jewish families and singles in Peel Region, is having a special Chanukah candle-lighting party on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 3 p.m. It will be held in the sanctuary and community centre at 9893 Torbram Rd. N., in Brampton.

For further information, call **Stan Corbett** at 792-7589.

ZAHAV BRANCH, NCJW

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 9, come hear **Dr. Joseph Berger**, professor of psychiatry, University of Toronto, speak on Fantasies at the next meeting of Zahav Branch, National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section.

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For details about the meeting and/or information on this group of young working women, contact **Kaila** at 731-5790.

FORT McMURRAY NEWS

The Jewish Federation of Edmonton and Canadian Jewish Congress, at the request of the Jewish community of Fort McMurray, have made arrangements for **Rabbi Shmuel Mann** to visit Fort McMurray to conduct Hebrew and Jewish education classes. The classes, which began Nov. 3, are held on Tuesday evenings, twice monthly. Funds for this project have been provided by the CJC's National Small Communities Committee.

For further information, contact **Maxine Fischbein** at the Jewish Federation office or **Brenda Lobb** in Fort McMurray at 743-4231.

OPP RIDE PROGRAM

The Ontario Provincial Police RIDE driver check program is a year-round anti-impaired driving campaign. Stepped up for the eight weeks during the peak of the holiday season, the program is already in force on a province-wide basis.

The OPP will operate a minimum of 40 RIDE check locations across Ontario every day, stopping more than 20,000 vehicles weekly.

FAMILY FUN

The Jewish Camp Council is offering a family holiday at Maple Lake Resort near Parry Sound from Dec. 20-27 or Dec. 27-29.

The cost per person, double occupancy, is \$40 per night. It includes accommodation, three meals daily (under supervision of Canadian Jewish Congress Kashruth Division), evening refreshments, cross-country skiing and a variety of indoor and outdoor activities.

For information, call the Jewish Camp Council at 630-1180.

COPING IN THE 80s

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood is presenting an all-day institute on Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

This year's theme will be Coping in the 80s — Issues and Concerns in Personal and Interpersonal Relationships. The morning session will be led by psychotherapist and marriage counsellor **Sandra Gold**. After lunch, educator **Lorraine Weygman** will discuss stress and burnout.

The charge is \$8 members, \$10 non-members. Paid reservations are a must. Call the synagogue office at 633-5500. Babysitting is also available upon request.

BETH SHOLOM 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Beth Sholom Synagogue celebrated its 40th anniversary the weekend of Nov. 6-7.

Guest speaker at the Oneg Shabbat Nov. 6, hosted by the sisterhood, was **Dorothy Reitman**, president of Canadian Jewish Congress.

The Shabbat service on Nov. 7 honored all past presidents of the synagogue, and sisterhood and brotherhood. The weekend festivities culminated in a dinner dance Saturday evening.

THE DOLLS HAVE ARRIVED!

The Toronto Friends of Alyn announce that dolls from Kibbutz Tsora have arrived in time for Chanukah and are now available at the Mount Sinai Hospital gift shop and at the Holy Blossom Judaic Shop as of Dec. 1.

These dolls are donated by the kibbutz in aid of the children of Alyn, Israel's only long-term orthopedic hospital and rehabilitation centre for physically handicapped children.

If you are interested in finding out more about Alyn or would like to organize a group evening and see a video on the hospital, call **Susan Speigel** at 782-9446 or **Isabel Waldman** at 924-8973 or **Valene Sloman** at 486-9571.

DEBER IVRIT — SPEAK HEBREW!

The Keren Hatarbut Institute is inviting the entire Toronto Jewish community to celebrate Israel's 40th anniversary by participating in the study of the Hebrew language of Israel and Jews over the world.

The Hebrew courses start on Tuesday, Jan. 12, and are conducted through to April 19 at 788 Marlee Ave.

For registration and consultation, call the director, **Joseph Klinger**, at 787-0197. Don't delay!

ART SHOW

There's still time to catch the exhibit of oil paintings by **Aubed Ezouri** on view at Don Mills Public Library until the end of the month. The library is located at 888 Lawrence Ave. E.

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS

The North York Harvest Food Bank, an agency which collects, sorts and distributes non-perishable food, needs volunteer help.

In particular, sorting help on Thursday evenings is urgently required. Help in the office and warehouse is also needed Monday to Friday each week.

For further information, contact the North York Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Ontario ministry of citizenship has announced the resumption of the Volunteer Awards Program. Nominations for Volunteer Service Awards and Outstanding Achievement Awards are being accepted until Dec. 15.

The annual ceremonies are held to acknowledge the tremendous contributions volunteers make to cultural and multicultural communities in Ontario.

Brochures and nomination forms are available from the ministry of citizenship Volunteer Awards office, 77 Bloor St. W., 5th floor, Toronto M7A 2R9.

JSF EVENTS

Upcoming Jewish Student Federation (York University) events include —

Saturday, Nov. 28 — A dance and Monter Carlo night at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. at 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 2 — Lunch at 1 p.m. in portable 1 with a talk by **Bernie Farber** on War Criminals.

at the jcc

Give your child or grandchild a marvellous Chanukah present by buying a ticket to **Kim and Jerry Brodie**, children's performers, who will be appearing at the Bloor Y on Feb. 14. Call 924-6211 for details.

Registration begins for Summer Fun and the Bloor Y's Winter Fun days on Tuesday, Dec. 1. These are two top quality programs for children ages 5-10. Contact **Sarah Casse** at 924-6211 for details.

The Jewish Community Centre North-East Valley Singles Network has arranged a Coffee Break evening for Sunday, Dec. 6, at 8:30 p.m. at the home of **Stan Langer**. Refreshments will be served. The cost is \$5 members, \$7 non-members. RSVP by calling **Sally** or **Esther** at 889-0813.

for seniors

Join the members of the Bloor Y Good Age Club at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, when they go to see renowned pianist **John Arpin** perform. They return to the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) at 1:30 p.m. for refreshments. For bargains galore be sure to drop in at the Good Age Club bazaar on Sunday, Nov. 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bloor Y. All money goes to a good cause. There will be no regular meeting on Thursday, Dec. 3, as the Good Age Club is going to the Ice-capades (sorry, tickets are sold out).

Beth Sholom Seniors will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. The program will include entertainment and refreshments. The charge is \$1 members, \$2 non-members. For information, call **Eve Donsky**, vice-president and publicity chairman, at 782-1068.

The **Senior Sinait** meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 1, features vocalist **Leanna Ketz** and pianist **Carmella Harnoy** (mother of Ofra). The time is 1 p.m. at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave. The charge is \$1 members, \$2 guests. The Chanukah party is set for Tuesday, Dec. 15. For reservations, call 226-3252 or 789-1901.

The **LZA Seniors Club** meets daily at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., from noon to 4 p.m. for an afternoon of cards, discussions and chess. Shuffleboard teams meet every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7:30. The Cultural Circle meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. On Dec. 1, **Meyer Mandel** will talk on 40 Years of Israel. Tickets are now available for the Chanukah party on Saturday, Dec. 19, complete with refreshments, lakes and dancing to the music of the **Morris Turk** orchestra. For information, call 633-8579.

On Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 12:30 p.m. **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50** is holding a musicale luncheon featuring singer **Anny (Heitz) Ray**. The cost is \$5.50 and reservations are necessary. Reserve early by calling 781-3511.

The **Senior Adult Services** program of the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., is having a Chanukah party on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 1 p.m. in Room 221. There will be music, dancing and refreshments. Tickets are \$3 and may be purchased in advance in the Senior Lounge. No tickets will be sold at the door. For further information, contact **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880, ext. 232.

Workmen's Circle Social Club meets for lunch and bingo on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Be sure to sign up for

the Chanukah party taking place Tuesday, Dec. 15. **Rabbi David Monson** will be present and the program will include entertainment. Non-members are always welcome at all meetings. For information, call **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

On Wednesday, Dec. 2, **Holy Blossom Temple Alumni** is presenting a piano recital with **Dr. Melvyn Iscove**. The time is 1:30 p.m. at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club is now accepting registration for 1988 membership at \$6 per person per year. Two films in Yiddish, **Bubby** and **Spadina**, are being shown on Thursday, Nov. 26, at 2 p.m. There is no charge for members. \$1 for non-members. Refreshments will be served. The next dance with a live band will be held Sunday, Nov. 29, from 8-11 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre (in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard). Admission is \$3 members, \$4 non-members. Refreshments are available at vending machines. The New Years party on Thursday, Dec. 31, will run from 7 p.m. to midnight with a live band and novelties. The charge for members is \$15 per person. Reservations are

limited so reserve early. For information, call 636-7856, Monday to Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or leave a message on the answering machine.

The **Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club**, 470 Glencairn Ave., meets on Monday, Nov. 30, at 1 p.m. for an afternoon of musical entertainment with singer **Edith Truelove** accompanied by pianist **Ada Lewis**. Refreshments will be served. The charge is \$1 members, \$2 non-members.

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Friendship Club is holding its annual Chanukah installation party on Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m. A full course dinner will be served and there will be dancing. Tickets will be on sale at the synagogue, 100 Elder St., on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 1-3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 members (be sure to bring your membership card), \$15 guests. No tickets will be sold at the door on Dec. 15. For information, call **Bess** at 783-3206.

A new club is starting, the **Diamond Jubilee**.

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JERUSALEM PARKETTE

Jerusalem Mayor **Teddy Kollek** (left) thanks Torontonian **Ellie Korenblum** at recent dedication of a parkette in Jerusalem's Emek Refaim area, in memory of her late father **Henry Korenblum**. Ellie's young son is named after him. A lab at the Technion and a court at the Israel Tennis Centre have also been dedicated in his memory.



TAU LEADERS MEET

New national president of the Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University, **Paul Morton** (from left) chats with **Yechiel Ben-Zvi**, university vice-president; **Friends'** national board member **Helen Zukerman**, TAU honorary board chairman **Jack Cummings** and **Prof. Lawrence Bessner**, **Friends'** vice-president and national treasurer, at **Friends'** recent annual meeting in Montreal.



EMUNAH FUND RAISER

Emunah Women of Toronto is launching its major fund raising event of the year, **Theatre Night** at **Leah Posluns**, presenting **Johannes and the Talmud**, on Feb. 1. A reception is being planned for patrons and sponsors. Committee members include (seated from left), **Maryka Weisz**, **Susan Jurkowitz**, chairman; and **Judy Lazar**, and (standing from left) **Annie Tencer** and **Rochelle Diamond**.

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for seniors interested in outings, socials, dancing and dance lessons. It meets at 968 Eglinton Ave. W. (upstairs) on Wednesdays from 2-4 p.m. and every third Sunday of the month. For the month of November, the group will be meeting on Sunday, the 29th, from 2-4 p.m. For information, call 782-5024.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave., a health education lecture about Eye Problems of the Elderly with **Dr. Shaun Singer** is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 2, from 1-2 p.m. in the Assembly Room. register by Dec. 1 at the centre office...Come to the Wagman Centre to purchase meal tickets one day in advance for the Terrace Take Out Kosher Meals. Contact **Sharon Bizouati** for further information at 785-2430.

A Chanukah dinner for widows and widowers hosted by the **Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group** is set for Sunday, Dec. 6. It will include cocktails, dinner and entertainment by **Boris Neiman**. Admission is \$18.

Marc Seniors Social Group invites the neighbors to a weekly bingo game on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at 6091 Bathurst St. in the activity room. Proceeds go to charitable causes.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

A public affairs forum on Does the Parole of Violent Criminals Endanger Society? takes place Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The panelists are **Carol Cameron**, president, Victims of Violence; **William Kerr**, Metropolitan Toronto Police; **Robert McDonald**, deputy minister for correctional services, and **Bill Sparks**, John Howard Society. The forum is free and open to the community.

At the La'Briyat Wellness Centre program, Educate Yourself About Your Blood Pressure, nurses from the North York department of public health will be available to take your blood pressure and discuss your health, medications, diet and lifestyle with you. This program takes place only on Thursday, Dec. 3.

The Lifelong Learning Institute is presenting a talk on What We Don't Know About the Meech Lake Accord with **Beth Atcheson** on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 1:30 p.m.

About People

TEL AVIV U VICE-PRESIDENT

Col. Yehiel Ben-Zvi, vice-president of Tel Aviv University, recently visited the Toronto and Montreal chapters of the Canadian Friends of TAU.

In Toronto he met with the leadership and supporters of TAU and was hosted for dinner at the Primrose Club by chapter president **Stanley Witkin** and his wife **Rosalind**.

In Montreal he attended the annual national board of directors meeting held at the Montefiore Club and a cocktail reception in his honor at the home of **Marcel and Annie Adams**.



Col. Ben-Zvi

HAROLD WAX CITED

Harold Wax, assistant district manager of the Toronto central office of the Independent Order of Foresters, was cited for outstanding life insurance service at the recent 37th annual convention of the National Association of Fraternal Insurance Counsellors. He received the award for issuing at least \$1 million life insurance in 1986.

The international headquarters for the Foresters, located in Toronto, serves well over a million members in Canada, the U.S. and the United Kingdom.

BETH TORAH EXECUTIVE

The newly installed executive of Beth Torah Congregation is headed by president **Mollie Rothman** with vice-presidents **Dr. Ronald Taub** and **Dr. Barry Shapero**; secretary **Nathan Naymark**; treasurer **Jack Rothman**; gabbais **Morris Herling** and **Zoltan Mandel**.

Isaac (Jacques) Lallouze is immediate past president. **Renee Margolin** is sisterhood president and **Jack Greenberg** is president of the brotherhood.

40 YEARS AS RABBI

This weekend, Nov. 27-29, Adath Israel Congregation is honoring **Rabbi Erwin Schild** on the occasion of his 40th anniversary with the synagogue.

The celebrations start off on Friday, Nov. 27, with a special Oneg Shabbat service-reception with keynote speaker **Rabbi Wolfe Kelman**, executive vice-president, Rabbinical Assembly, New York. At the Shabbat morning service on the 28th, **Rabbi Gunther Plaut** will deliver the sermon. And the weekend will culminate in a testimonial dinner on Sunday evening including special dedication ceremonies from all facets of the synagogue and community.



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Arriving in Canada from Russia as teenagers in the 20s, the Tullys met here in Toronto and were married in the old Shaw St. shul.

Both are still very active, with Mrs. Tully looking after their home and Mr. Tully working in his son's food importing company, travelling by bus each day, since he retired from his own wire business in 1970. They are also involved members of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am and the United Families, a family organization that meets monthly.

The family includes their son and daughter-in-law **Jack and Marion Tully**, daughter and son-in-law **Dr. Mervin and Honey Rose** and grandchildren **Lynda Weisberg**, **Karen** and **Arlene Tully** and **Adam**, **Allison** and **David Rose**.

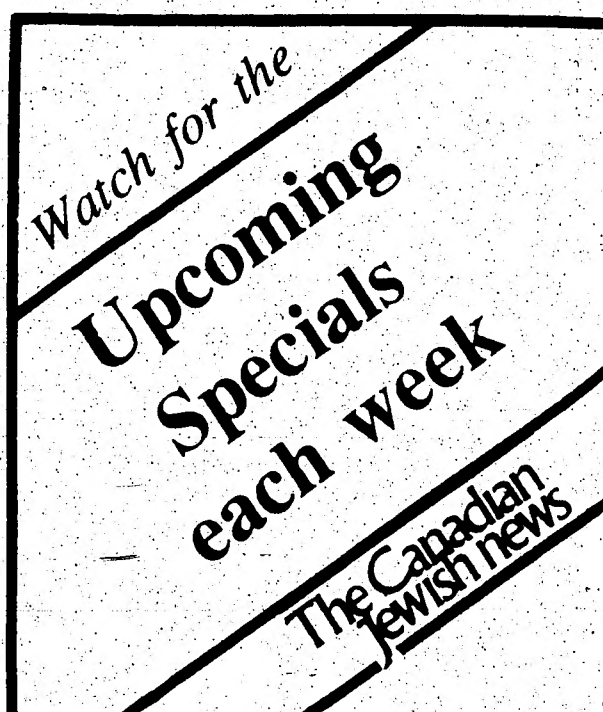
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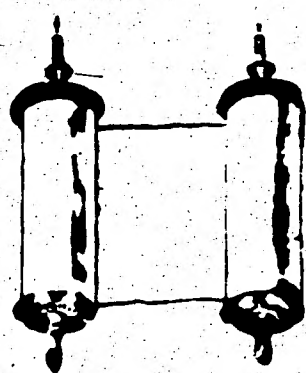
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By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vayelitzet

How do you find a husband? How do you find a wife? It's tough, sometimes.

But you can find! With tenacity, with prayer, and with — saychel.

A young man approached a shadchan for a mate. The man, alas, had a few drawbacks. He couldn't make a living. His clothing was sloppy, his breath bad, his personality obnoxious, his education nil, and his prospects zero.

"Could you find me a wife?" he pleaded with the matchmaker.

The shadchan checked his list. "I have one girl. She is absolutely gorgeous. Her father owns three factories. She finished the French School. She plays five instruments. But she has one drawback. One day a year she goes completely insane."

The man thought. "One day a year meshugah — I can live with that."

"Fine," answered the shadchan. "Let's wait for that one day, and then I'll ask her to go out with you."

To search for someone, to try, to not be afraid to make a commitment, takes courage, takes risks, takes maturity.

But God helps!

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First... Eliezer, Abraham's servant, went looking for a wife for Isaac. He saddled his camels, and presto — he was in Haran, and there was Rebekah, waiting for him.

Second... in this week's parsha, Father Jacob fled from his brother Esau, and went to Haran. Presto! The road shrunk, and he arrived speedily.

Why? Why did the Almighty produce such a miracle, just at this time?

But it symbolized how a Jew should approach marriage. Go for it! Move! Nothing is sure in the world. The stock market takes plunges. An Edsel can fail. And a marriage can fall apart also, God forbid.

But you have to take chances. You have to try. This writer was recently approached by a person seeking a mate. "Do you go to singles programs?" No. "Have you registered at a community sponsored introduction service?" No. "Have you placed an ad in the personal column of a newspaper, seeking a Jewish mate?" No.

"So what are you doing?" "Waiting — for the right person to come along." Kefitzat haderech! Go for it! You can't stand on ceremony. You can't be shy. You can't be frightened. The biological clock ticks. Time doesn't wait, or our bodies.

It's a mitzvah to get married, to have children, to raise a beautiful Jewish family that will keep our people alive!

To assist single persons to meet each other, there will be a gathering of single people between the ages of 25-39 on Sunday evening, December 6, in the Bathurst-Eglinton area, sponsored by the King David Congregation. Space is limited, and reservations must be made. To attend, call Criss at 785-3231.

It's never too late. They saw an ignorant Jew on Yom Kippur beating his heart with two hands. "Why two hands?" he was asked.

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Kiryat Yam facility to be finished in May

Salsberg Medical Centre growing

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

A "roofbreaking" this past spring in Kiryat Yam, on the outskirts of Haifa, signified the start of a second floor \$300,000 addition to the J. B. Salsberg Medical Centre of the New Fraternal Jewish Association.

Named for an "outstanding NFJA member" and CJA columnist, the original building opened as a general diagnostic clinic in 1970 when Kiryat Yam was a new suburb, the association says.

Now, 17 years later, with the population at 30,000 and staff working double shifts to keep pace with the growing number of patients, the time has come to expand.

As well as providing more space, the addition will make it possible to establish a specialized ear,



Eli Presser of Kupat Holim (left) chats with Morris Biderman, president of the New Fraternal Jewish Association at a "roofbreaking" in Kiryat Yam.

nose and throat department.

Construction is scheduled to be completed in May 1988 when an NFJA contingent, including Salsberg himself, will attend the dedication of the new facility as a highlight in a two-

week tour of Israel.

Says Morris Biderman, president of the New Fraternal Jewish Association, "We've always given generously — to UJA, to Baycrest, to the local community — but we felt that we wanted to do something besides, to have a relation-

ship with an institution in Israel."

NFJA established a direct association when the medical centre was first built. "We sort of adopted it," says Biderman, noting that since 1970 the association has allocated "tens of thou-

sands of dollars" through Kupat Holim, Israel's national health service, to update equipment and fulfil other needs. And it has contributed more than \$100,000 toward erecting the second storey with Kupat Holim paying the balance.

"That's a lot, for 200 members," Biderman declares. The concern is ongoing. Whenever any members are in Israel, they make it a point to visit the centre.

The association also continues its dedication to the local community. UJA receives \$25,000 to \$30,000 annually, not including individual contributions paid separately through business or professions.

As well, over \$200,000 was raised for Baycrest Hospital, considered one of the best efforts of any organization. In recognition of this achievement, two rooms have been designated in the new hospital in the name of NFJA.

Reform body picks Silver

TORONTO —

Joseph Silver, past president of the Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood, was elected chairman pro tem of the Canadian Council of Reform Brotherhoods at its recent founding meeting.

Also elected were Dr. Jack Richman, vice chairman (president of the brotherhood at Solel Congregation of Mississauga) and John Ross, secretary-treasurer (president of the brotherhood at Anshe Shalom of Hamilton).

The brotherhoods of temples, affiliated or eligible for membership in the

Canadian Council of Liberal Congregations, decided to establish the CCRB to form a united front on various issues affecting them.

The CCRB and the Jewish Chautauqua Society of Canada are both affiliates of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods.

The next scheduled meeting of the CCRB will be at Temple Anshe Shalom in Hamilton on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 9.30 a.m. The two discussion topics will be Jewish Chautauqua Society future projects and the role of brotherhoods within congregations.

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Organizations and People

Beloved teacher, counsellor Steinhauer to mark 80th

By

CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

David Steinhauer has touched the lives of thousands of students and campers.

As family, friends, and colleagues join him at the end of November to celebrate his 80th birthday, they will bring with them memorabilia and fond memories of a teacher who has left an indelible mark on his students by inspiring them to strive for excellence.

So magnetic was his teaching ability that many of his students would follow him in the summertime to the camps where he worked — Cejewin in New York state and Arrowhon, Wabikon, Kawagama and Katonim in Ontario.

On hearing of his former counsellor's 80th birthday party, Sid Walman of Windsor, Ont., now in his 60s, wrote to Steinhauer's children about the influence his mentor had on him.

"The honor of having spent those wonderful days at camp with David and Florie and sharing those lazy happy hours will never leave my thoughts. It has kept me warm through the winters of my life and at times a smile would break out on my lips and no one could guess to what I was thinking."

A graduate of Jarvis Collegiate Institute where he received the Edward Blake Scholarship in modern languages in 1927, Steinhauer went on to study at the University of Toronto, the Sorbonne in Paris, and the Univer-



David and Florence Steinhauer

sity of Leipzig in Germany.

He graduated from the Ontario College of Education in 1932 and was one of eight graduating students out of 450 to be offered a teaching position during the Depression. There were few Jewish teachers in the secondary school system in the early 30s, but the young dedicated teacher went on to become the first Jewish school inspector for the Ontario ministry of education.

Throughout his teaching career, he was often asked to speak at educational conferences and he authored numerous articles, short stories and texts both in English and in French.

In 1970, he was appoint-

ed director of Educational and Cultural Exchange for the Ontario department of education. He retired from that post in 1973 at the mandatory age of 65.

A pioneer in Reform Jewish education, Steinhauer's contribution to Jewish education began in the late 1930s, and for two decades he taught the tenth grade confirmation class at Holy Blossom Temple. In 1950, he became the superintendent of the senior grades, and in 1970 he became the organizing director of Leo Baeck Day School.

He also served as program director and president of Holy Blossom Alumni, an organization for temple

members and others in the community over the age of 59.

Throughout his teaching and camping careers, his wife Florence, who is a well known concert pianist who taught piano and music appreciation, was by his side. Married for more than 55 years, they are a couple who believe in having their own interests while sharing many things together.

Many of his students warmly remember his brilliant teaching career, saying that "he was a role model. He always gave his best, and demanded the same from others."

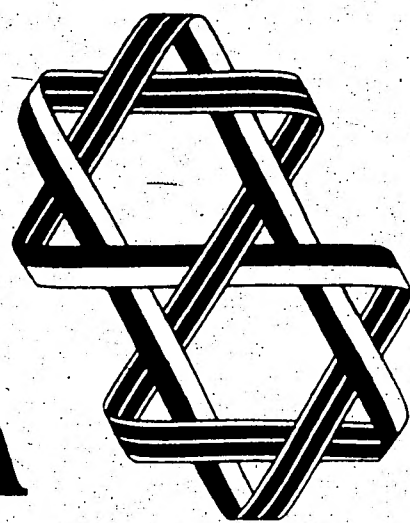
Today, Steinhauer has far from retired. At 72, with the vigor of a young man, he embarked on a new career. He established Steinhauer Translating, a French translation service that keeps him busy long hours.

For this pioneer who loves a challenge, his French translation business is merely one more stepping-stone to something possibly even more exciting in the future.

On the invitation to his 80th birthday party, his children Paul and Estelle Steinhauer, Larry and Audrey Steinhauer, and Joan and Ron Gitelman have embossed the front cover with a quotation from Cicero which they say describes their father:

"For as I approve a young man in whom there is something of the old, so also do I commend an old man in whom there is something of the young. And he who pursues this goal may be old in body but never will be old in spirit."

Let's U J Talk... A



The "Synagogue boys" map out campaign strategy at one of many meetings. Seated are David Stokes, Sam Rife, Wilf Yaphe, Lou Shumaker. Looking over their shoulders are Syd Solomons and Hy Agasee.

What with "Frequent Fundraiser" fever rampant, the countdown to the campaign closing (December 14) is filled with a flurry of activity.

That means telethons for just about every division...week nights and Sundays.

The Physicians held their first telethon for the 1988 campaign over a week ago. Present along with Health Professions Co-ordinator Dr. Howard Stevens, were Drs. Morris Goldfinger, Stuart Gordner, Irv Gottesman, Howard Langer, Howard Price, Harvey Shaul, Lorne Sidenberg and Neal Stein.

When doctors do their thing, can dentists be far behind? Not by much. Just a few days later, they too had their first telethon of the season.

Once again, Howard Stevens was present along with Drs. David Burstein, Hersh Glickman, Mitch Sutton, Harvey Taub, Les Train, Marshall Train and Alan Winnick.

During the same week, Syd Solomons, UJA Chairman at Beth Shalom Synagogue, arranged an evening telethon for members of the congregation.

On the telephones after dinner were: Hy Agasee, Bertha Bank, Dave Brown, Sy Caine, Max Friendly, Dave Gould, Gord Haworth, Bernie Parl, Sandra Parl, Al Rich, Dave Rose, Sim Solish and David Stokes.

The Young Executives & Professionals Division has a rare treat in store for film buffs.

On Sunday, December 6, Aldo Maggiorotti, a veteran of the film and entertainment industry in Toronto, will screen "An Evening in Hollywood," compiled by him for this presentation. Maggiorotti, who is a member of the Ontario Film Review Board, is also a founding member of the AGE Film Society.

The film is a compilation of clips in 16mm and 35mm, showcasing the talents of Jewish entertainers and their unique and lasting contribution to Western culture. Among those highlighted are Woody Allen, Mel Brooks, Al Jolson, the Marx Brothers and Barbra Streisand.

The program begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Studio Theatre, Harbourfront, located at York Quay Centre, 225

Queen's Quay West. Admission is \$8.00.

Seating is limited, so reserve now by calling 635-2883, ext. 172.

Our good friend Zvi Garcy is back in town for several weeks' stay. His first official function this time around was an address at a breakfast meeting of the UJA board.

Special guest was an 18-year-old Iranian Jew who gave a harrowing account of his escape from the country as a teenager four years ago. With his halting English, he painted a horrendous scenario of life in post-Shah Iran, particularly for Jews and other members of the population who are not of the Moslem faith.

Jews, who have lived in Iran (or Persia) for close to 2,500 years, had fared well under the Shah's regime. With the coming to power of the Ayatollah, conditions rapidly deteriorated to the point where Jewish lives are in great jeopardy, the young man said.

Garcy, who followed the Iranian at the podium, told the morning gathering that there were approximately 30,000 Jews in Iran (40,000 have left), and that it was becoming "tougher and tougher" to get them out.

The situation in Romania, the only Eastern bloc country to maintain diplomatic relations with Israel, is totally different. Jews, Garcy stated, can get out, but the price is high. That is where the Jewish Agency and UJA dollars can help.

Something to crow about. Zvi Garcy reported the word is out that the 1988 Toronto UJA campaign "is the best in North America." But it's far from over yet, folks!

If the traffic on Bathurst seemed to be a little lighter this past week, could be we know the reason. A lot of people have gone to the Council of Jewish Federations General Assembly in Miami.

That is the largest annual gathering of Jewish communal professionals and community leadership in North America. We'll report on any interesting news items brought back by the Toronto contingent.

And a mazel tov to campaign Director Mark Gryfe and his wife Pearl on the birth of their third child and second daughter, just two weeks ago.

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Organizations and People

Constitutional relevance of minorities at issue—defence

Sunday closing would ruin business, trial told

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The 2-day trial of Sunnybrook Foods for violating Ontario's Sunday closing laws concluded last week with defence counsel telling the court that "the issue in this case is whether the Jewish community or any minority group is constitutionally relevant in this province."

Lawyer Timothy Danson said the province's Retail Business Holidays Act discriminated against Jews and infringed on their reli-

gious freedom. He asked the court to rule the law unconstitutional.

The legislation, he said, is unfair because it prevents Jewish businesses which close on Saturday from carrying on a full retail trade on Sunday. Exemptions under the law permit Sunday opening, he said, but subject to an unreasonable limitation on retail space to 5,000 square feet and seven employees.

Those limitations are unfair and would force Sunnybrook to close from Friday evening to Monday, court was told.

Julius Goodbaum, who along with Sunnybrook Ltd. and store manager Enzo Dirracolo was charged under the Act, said if the store closed on Sunday, "we might as well put a lock on the door and forget about it."

"Mainly Jewish clientele"

Goodbaum, who is the majority shareholder of Sunnybrook, said experiments at opening on Sunday in compliance with the area and employee limitations were "a disaster," with customers "clamoring at us." He said the store layout made it impossible to shut off floor space and still meet customers' needs.

Sundays and Thursdays are major business days at Sunnybrook, he said, as customers from the heavily Jewish Bathurst Manor area do their shopping. "We cater to a mainly Jewish clientele," Goodbaum said, offering kosher meat, dairy products and other groceries. If the store were to open on Saturday, its customers would "boycott" it, he said.

Danson, who also represented furrier Paul Magder in an earlier case involving the Sunday closing laws, said the RBHA violates Section 2 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which guarantees freedom of religion. It also infringes on the Section 15 right of equality before the law, he contended.

Danson also cited alleged violations of the Ontario Human Rights Code and contravention of the Religious Freedom Act, which prohibits unequal treatment between religious groups.

However Crown prosecutor Stephen Leggett ar-

gued that a previous Supreme Court of Canada decision in a case involving Nortown Foods found that the RBHA, though it violated religious rights under the Charter, was saved by the operation of Section 1 of the Charter. Section 1 allows infringements of Charter rights if they are demonstrably justifiable in a free and democratic society.

Leggett argued that Sunnybrook was the only kosher store affected by the limitation on floor space and employees. There was no evidence that kosher foods were unavailable on Sunday at other, smaller stores, he said.

"It's not a question of religion," he argued. "It's a matter of money."

Referring to the previous Supreme Court decision, Leggett said the court must find a balance between the rights of employees who would work on Sunday and others' religious rights. Under those circumstances, and since there is only one store in Ontario affected by the RBHA's limitations, the legislation is demonstrably justifiable, he argued.

Danson contested Leggett's conclusions, noting that the Supreme Court in the Nortown case did not have much evidence before it on that point.

The Supreme Court had only an 11-page brief to consider, he said, and, underscoring his argument, Danson presented Provincial Court Judge George Carter with a thick stack of documents as evidence in the Sunnybrook case.

Danson told The CJN that the Supreme Court in the Nortown case did not consider the Section 15 Charter equality argument since it did not come into force until later, and that the defence presented little evidence relating to the Section 1 argument. The trial and appeal, until it reached the Supreme Court, centred on freedom of religion arguments, he said.

The Sunnybrook case, and the most recent Magder case which the Crown is appealing, are substantially different, he said.

"Culture preparing for change"

Pollster Martin Goldfarb, who heads a consulting firm which studies public attitudes to a variety of issues, said an April 1987 study showed 82% of Ontario residents opposed the RBHA. "Society is telling you the culture is preparing for a change on this issue," he said.

The reality is that society does not close on Sunday, he said. Many services are offered on Sunday and people who expect services that day must be willing "to reciprocate the services they expect for themselves."

In testimony Danson

termed "powerful," Rabbi Moses Burak of the Beth Jacob Synagogue outlined the role of Sabbath observance in the life Orthodox Jews as well as the necessity for consuming only kosher foods. Responding to questions from Danson, Burak told the court that limitations on kosher stores are "an unwarranted interference in our religion."

He said the rights of a minority are "a barometer of the civilization we have."

"The nub of it all," he said, is that the RBHA indicates the majority is saying it has greater rights than the minority.

Asked if the constitution should consider the rights of only 2% of the population, Burak replied: "That's what they said in Germany."

How can you give me what's mine (religion rights), and then take it away from me?"

In other testimony, Rabbi Joseph Kelman of the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, said a supermarket such as Sunnybrook makes it easier for families

to maintain Judaism's dietary laws. "I don't want the government making it harder to observe," he said.

Rabbi Irwin Witty, director of the Board of Jewish Education, said the law was an example of "the tyranny of the majority" that makes a mockery of freedom of religion. He said the limitations on floor space and employees appeared "arbitrary and capricious...silly and undemocratic, clearly discriminatory."

Danson noted that under the RBHA, drugstores are allowed to open on Sunday even though they sell "everything but the kitchen sink," including food.

He also stated that under the One Day's Rest in Seven Act employees in restaurants, hotels and cafes can choose whatever day off they wish, while the businesses are fully operational on Sunday. "It shows that Jews play second fiddle to restaurant, cafe and hotel workers," he suggested.

A decision in the case is expected Dec. 23.

Journalists form group

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

A new organization aimed at providing closer links among Jewish journalists all over the world was

established here recently.

The founding of the International Jewish Media Association was announced at the end of the second International Conference on Jewish Media, held in Jerusalem from Nov. 9-14.

Founding chairman of the new body is Robert Cohn of St. Louis, president of the American Jewish Press Association.

The organization will organize conferences and promote professional contacts and the exchange of articles and commentary columns among Jewish journalists. It will also work closely with the information department of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Students.

The WZO information department announced at the same time the establishment of a satellite news network to enable the WZO to update Jewish newspapers on events of Jewish and Zionist interests.

Attending the 4-day conference were some 100 Israeli journalists and 150 of their colleagues from 30 Diaspora countries. Its focus was The Jewish Media in the Electronic Age.

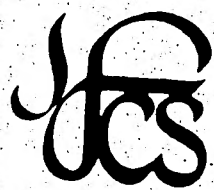
Carl
Winer
writes:

TORONTO —

The following is from a letter to The CJN from Carl Winer, president of Beth Shalom Synagogue: "Concerning your article in The Canadian Jewish News edition of November 5, 1987 which was headlined Meirovich to Quit Shul.

"The word 'quit' is an improper term. The rabbi is simply not renewing his contract at Beth Shalom in order to pursue other areas in his career. When a person's contract is ended he is not quitting. We find the word 'quit' offensive and untrue.

"We require that this statement be retracted and expect an immediate response. This letter is not to be published in Letters to The Editor."



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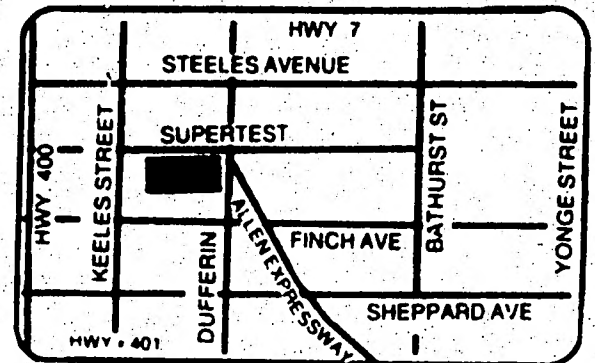
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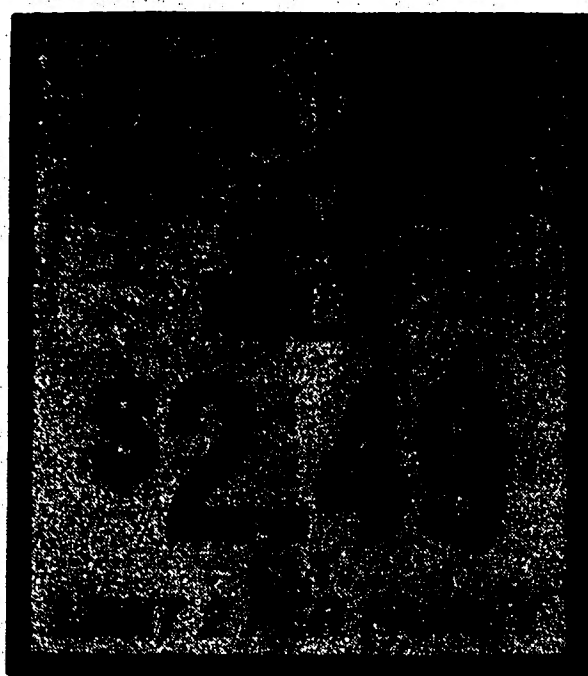
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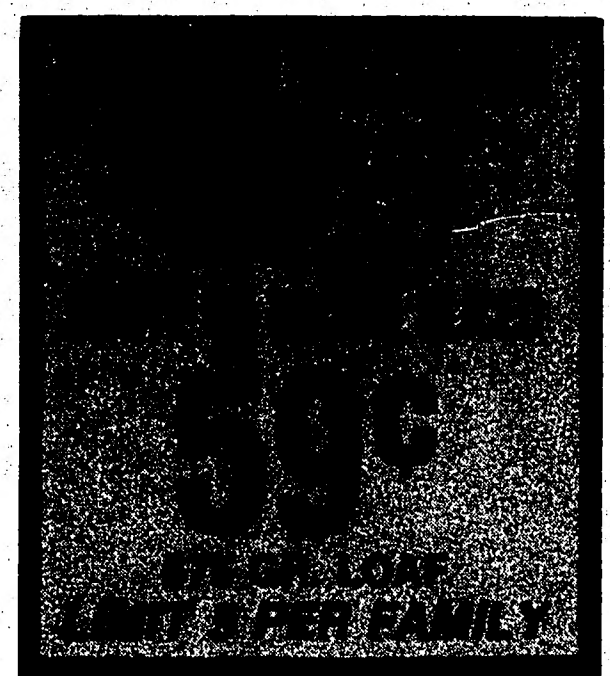
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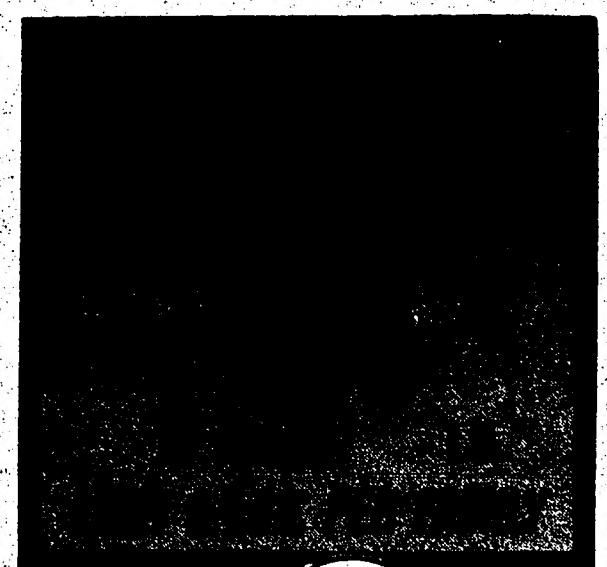
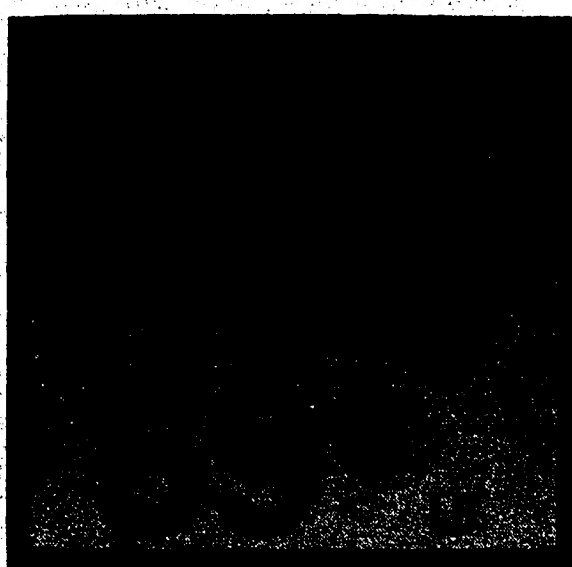
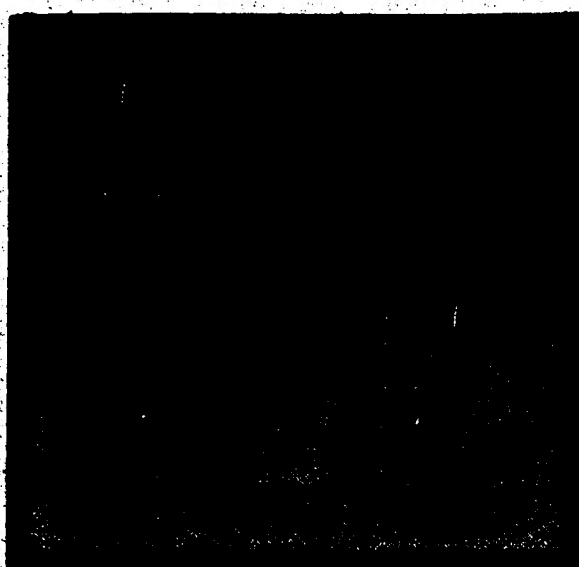
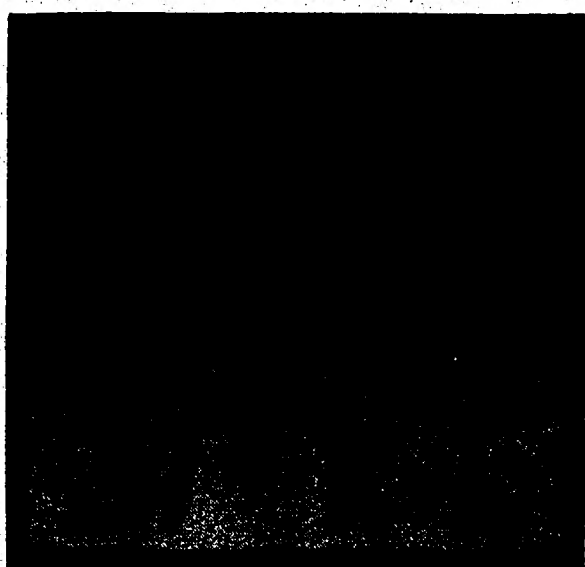
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Organizations and People

TJC committee views new "shiddach"

3rd Project Renewal neighborhood considered

By
BOB GOTTLIEB

TORONTO — Twinning Toronto with a third distressed neighborhood in Israel is being considered by the Project Renewal Committee of

Toronto Jewish Congress/United Jewish Appeal.

Should the "shiddach" be made, Toronto will be squarely in the forefront of Diaspora Jewry as a role model to the Renewal process of strengthen-

ing people-to-people ties and direct involvement in working to improve the quality of life in Israel.

Numerous Diaspora communities have Project Renewal ties, but only four others have the same degree of involvement as Toronto.

Speaking before UJA's Campaign Leadership board recently, Marty Goldberg, who co-chairs the local Project Renewal committee with Michael Benjamin, spelled out why the concept continues to increase in importance.

Goldberg said that Project Renewal is the most personal and graphic means of enabling UJA contributors to witness the impact of their dollars on the human and physical condition existing in many of Israel's blighted towns and urban neighborhoods.

Goldberg noted that Project Renewal creates a unique climate of partnership between contributing and beneficiary communities — one that extends far beyond funding and into the realm of jointly planning for programs most directly addressing priority needs.

The fruits of such cooperative planning can be seen by Torontonians visiting the village of Beit Dagan. Thanks to Project Renewal, it has undergone radical

cultural and physical change since 1980, when it was first twinned with the UJA-Toronto.

Beginnings of the same progress are now seen in the Rehovot neighborhood of Kfar Gvirol, which is entering the third year of its Toronto relationship.

After evaluating priorities and future planning, the Neighborhood Committee in Kfar Gvirol and Toronto Planning Committee have agreed that initial emphasis in their relationship be directed to improved educational and early-age daycare facilities, officials say.

Ultimately, UJA funding will be responsible for creating a neighborhood educational, cultural and recreational campus. Though curricula will differ

in some instances, the educational facility will be shared by both secular and religious students, providing for a cost-effective and mutually supportive environment.

Also addressing the UJA leadership were Laura Kindler-Yitzhakian, the Toronto liaison in Israel for Project Renewal, and Yigal Yerushalmi, Jewish Agency director of Project Renewal's Coastal Region. Yerushalmi lauded his audience for their funding support, and for their involvement and concern with the Renewal process.

Such commitment, he said, sent a clear message to beneficiaries of the Toronto connection, telling them they are not alone in their struggle for human dignity and self-betterment.

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It's all part of the 2nd

Toronto Community Mission to Israel, May 30 to June 10, in celebration of the Jewish state's 40th birthday. Sponsored by Toronto Jewish Congress and United Jewish Appeal, the mission is an opportu-

nity for supporters of Israel to renew and strengthen their ties to the land and the people.

Also on the agenda are meetings with senior political officials, participation in the 40th birthday celebrations, a visit to Toronto's Project Renewal communities of Beit Dagan and Kfar Gvirol, meetings with settlers in the Arava, the Golan and the Galil, as well as special tours of Israel's unique attractions.

Cost of the mission, including airfare on El Al Israel Airlines, 10 nights, 5-star hotel accommodation (based on double occupancy), touring and most meals is approximately \$2,500.

Eligibility for the trip is open to all contributors to the United Jewish Appeal on a first-come, first-served basis. State of Israel Bonds, a minimum of 2 years old, can be used to pay for the trip.

For more information, contact TJC/UJA at 635-2883.

Fund to help Israeli

TORONTO — Toronto's Chasan-Kallah (groom-bride) Fund is raising funds to allow a young Israeli boy to walk again.

The fund, administered by Rabbi Eli Gross, of Congregation Zichron Shneur at Bathurst and Glencairn, will send 19-month-old Gavriel to a specialized treatment program in Hungary.

Gavriel (last name withheld at family's request) suffers from spastic diplegia, a form of cerebral palsy. He is one of six brothers and sisters. His father, Yitzhak, is a teacher at Jerusalem's College of Jewish Studies. His mother, Lea, was in Toronto and her home city of Miami recently to raise funds for the treatment. Donations are tax deductible.

For 2½ years, Gavriel and his mother will spend alternate months at the Peto Institute in Budapest and at their home in Jerusalem.

The program, known as Conductive Education,



Sister Hanna helps Gavriel to his feet.

works entirely by motivating the child to surmount his disability through exercise and training.

Not only Gavriel, but also his mother, is being trained. She will be spending much of her time in Hungary learning the techniques at the clinic so that

she can continue Gavriel's training during their months at home in Israel.

Donations are being accepted through the Chasan-Kallah Fund, 57 Clanton Park Rd., Downsview, Ont. M3H 2C9. For further information on Gavriel's situation, call 633-3395.

Peterson to run in Willowdale

TORONTO — Jim Peterson is back in the world of politics.

Although the date of the next federal election is still a mystery to most Canadians, Peterson,

brother of Ontario Premier David Peterson, recently rejoined the political world when he was nominated as the Liberal candidate for the North York riding of Wil-

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Organizations and People

Former Refuseniks seek to publicize parents' plight

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Eleven years ago, world renowned mathematician Avraham Kagan applied for permission to leave the Soviet Union. It was denied on the grounds that he knows state secrets.

For the sake of his family, Kagan, 51, kept a low profile but last August his wife Svetlana, 50, son Dima and daughter Clara were told they were free to leave. Svetlana chose to remain with her husband but Dima, 24, and Clara, 17, arrived in Hamilton at the end of last month.

Overjoyed to greet them here were their mother's younger sister, Mila Khayutin, expecting her fourth child next month, and her husband Alex, a graduate political science student at McMaster University, who have lived in Hamilton since 1982.

In the Khayutins' apartment a few days after their arrival, wearing blue jeans and sweatshirts, the pair look much like any other young North Americans. They are happy and grateful to be here; the excitement of the last few days has not yet worn off but beneath it one can sense the concern for the parents they left behind.

Efforts to have the Kagans released have been low key so far, although the Canadian government "has made a few representations," says Mila. But now that their children are safely out of the Soviet Union, the campaign must be stepped up. "The best we can



Dima and Clara Kagan in their Leningrad apartment.

do is to publicize it as much as possible."

Dima, speaking very good English, tells their story.

Their home is Leningrad, where his father is engaged in pure research at the Institute of Mathematics, which is part of the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

The institute changed its reasons for refusing to let Kagan leave several times: "We can only interpret it that somehow, somewhere, father had access to state secrets."

"I asked him many times," says Dima, "but he said that he never had any access to state secrets." In fact, his father had made sure for the last 20 years "that he was nowhere near anything."

Kagan was immediately asked to resign his job — "illegally, against the law," meetings were organized, he was boycot-

ted, labelled a traitor and finally his subject was discontinued.

For a long time his father worked for nothing, Dima continued, but after several years the world scientific community began to protest and eventually "officials had to give in and conditions improved and he managed to keep his position."

But even long before he applied for an exit visa, Kagan was aware that he was being paid less than his colleagues. "Yes," confirms Dima, "because he is a Jew."

His mother, a computer programmer, decided to stay home because "there were too many problems" and began to teach English to children.

Dima himself had no problems in high school, even when his friends knew he was a Refusenik, but once he went to university, "my circle changed and about 80% of my friends were Refuseniks."

He studied physics but was expelled after a year

and a half. He managed to obtain work as a computer operator and programmer and eventually took evening classes for three years.

Clara meanwhile had gained early admission to study applied mathematics. All new students were asked to an interview, but whereas about 70 "went through in one hour," Clara and two other Jewish students were told to come back the next day, when each was called in for an hour-long interview behind closed doors. Although all three had been granted early admission, they were told they would have to pass additional exams.

At that point, says Dima, Clara refused to continue and wrote a letter stating that conditions of admission were not the same for her as for all the other students.

Both would like to continue their education here but their first priority is to improve their English. Dima also hopes to find a job related to his experience.

A likable, cheerful pair, they express their gratitude to all those who have helped them, Canadian Jewish Congress, the government, Genya Intrator, chairman of the Inter-Religious Task Force on Human Rights, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, which is looking after their needs now, and Carol Krames, director of Hamilton Jewish Social Services, "who," says Alex, "is like a mother to us all, and many others."

As well, the pair thanks the Howard family of Vancouver, whose daughter Cori was twinned with Clara for her bat mitzvah, and who "have been very supportive," adds Alex.

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Organizations and People

Ambassador cites unmatched dedication to Israel

Trumpets, fanfare as JNF honors Greenbergs

By
DAVID LAZARUS

OTTAWA —

John and Gladys Greenberg received the Jewish National Fund of Canada's highest honor here with much fanfare and trumpets blaring.

But as several speakers noted, that marked an interesting juxtaposition.

The couple, one of the most active and prominent in Ottawa's Jewish community, have through their many years of involvement earned a reputation for resisting the "fanfare and trumpets" that typically accompany generous support.

"They have never run after or sought honor," said Jewish Community Council president Stephen Victor. "In fact, they have fled from it."

"In a quiet and competent way," Victor said, the couple has never turned down a request by Jewish

and non-Jewish organizations alike requesting their participation.

More than 500 friends, family, out-of-town relatives, business associates and dignitaries attended the annual Negev Dinner at the Jewish Community Centre. The evening raised a record \$532,000 towards financing further settlement and infrastructure development of JNF's Galil Canada project. According to JNF Jerusalem emissary Yaakov Perez, this was twice any previous Ottawa Negev Dinner total.

Greenberg, a prominent developer who heads The Master Craft Group, said that his wife of 34 years, Gladys, has been his primary inspiration. "My support for Israel has depended on Gladys," he said. "Gladys has the burning desire and dedication for Israel which helped reinforce that feeling in me."

In her acceptance remarks, Gladys credited their willingness to be tributed to her husband. Typically, she said, "the real reason we're here is because John can never say no." When asked, she said, "he was true to form."

The dinner took on added significance, added JNF national management committee chairman Frances Mandell, because it was the first tribute dinner in Ottawa to take place during Israel's 40th anniversary year.

Israeli ambassador to Canada Israel Gur-Arieh echoed those sentiments. The "exalted feeling" accompanying Israel's anniversary complemented JNF's 86th anniversary and the Greenbergs' unmatched dedication to Jewish community life and Israel.

The ambassador cited a long list of Greenberg's activity. They include leader-

ship positions in the Ottawa Histadrut, State of Israel Bonds, the United Jewish Appeal, and the Canada Israel Foundation for Academic Exchanges. He is also the president of the Ottawa Chapter of the Canadian Society of the Weizmann Institute of Science, and is active in ORT, B'nai B'rith, and Israeli universities, among them Hebrew University, Technion, Bar-Ilan and Ben-Gurion.

Gladys was recognized for her understated yet diligent style in her activities. A past president of Na'amat Canada's Chana Szenes Chapter, chairman of Ottawa's Na'amat Council, and active in Israel Bonds Women's Division, she was cited by JCC president Victor for her particular, "instrumental" role in helping to settle Soviet Jews in Ottawa. A handbook she wrote on that subject has been used by Jewish Immigrant Aid Services.

Other head table guests who delivered remarks were Ottawa JNF campaign chairman Robert Gencher, the Greenbergs' son, Bruce, and Ontario Minister of Government Services Richard Patten (Ottawa Centre), conveying felicitations on behalf of Premier David Peterson. JNF Ottawa chairman Irving Rivers presented the JNF citation to the Greenbergs.

The dinner was also attended by several relatives from outside Ottawa and the Greenbergs' three daughters, Pam, Karen, and Melissa.



Ottawa JNF chairman Irving Rivers (right) presents Negev Dinner citation to honorees John and Gladys Greenberg. [Howard Kay photo]

The evening's highlights combined moments of cultural appreciation with instances of humor and warmth.

The Greenbergs received a work of sculpture designed by noted Israeli artist Michel Schwartz. Schwartz patterned his work in his patented style of using the shapes of Hebrew alphabet letters. In the Greenbergs' case, it was a sleek "yud" and "gimel" design represent-

ing their initials. Finjan, a klezmer sextet from Winnipeg and a favorite group of the Greenbergs, performed and raised the roof with its spirited style.

The evening's most humorous moment came when dinner chairman Rabbi Reuven Bulka of the Congregation Machzikei Hadas presented a signed softball trophy to Greenberg. John, he recounted, was the mostly-silent owner of the Jewish Men's Softball League Mastercraft team.

an expansion squad that "saved my career" as a pitcher, the rabbi noted.

The owner kept little track of the team, but once showed up for a semi-final playoff game the often lackluster squad had the fortune to make.

But the presence of the Jewish "George Steinbrenner" in the stands failed to inspire his faithful players. Greenberg got to see his squad relinquish an 8-run lead in the first game he ever attended. They eventually lost, 21-13.

Weizmann chapter to fete Beck at gala

TORONTO —

Community leader and industrialist Tom Beck will be honored at the biennial dinner of the Toronto Chapter of the Weizmann Institute of Science on March 29, chapter president David Dennis has announced.

The dinner will be a gala event involving leaders of the scientific, business, arts, general and Jewish communities. The dignitaries expected to attend will include Nobel laureates and notables from Canada and other countries.

In announcing Beck as honoree, Dennis noted that others feted at the Weizmann event have included Lester Pearson, Bora Laskin, Murray Koffler, Jimmy Kay, John Roberts, Paul Godfrey and Leo Perkell.

Beck, who was born in Hungary, received his education in Britain and immigrated to Canada in 1950. An electrical engineer by profession, he created a manufacturing company together with his mother in the same year.

This firm was the forerunner of what would become Noma Industries, one of Canada's most successful businesses.

Beck has served in leadership positions in the United Jewish Appeal and the Jewish National Fund for many years and has had senior roles in many



Tom Beck

other organizations including a recently concluded successful term as president of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra.

His first love has been the Weizmann Institute, and Beck became national president of the Canadian Society in the fall of 1985, after serving in several leadership positions. He also plays an important part on the institute's international board of governors, meetings of which he attends regularly.

Beck has been deeply involved in the development of the Canadian Institute for the Energies and Applied Research at Weizmann. The facility, whose aim is to find alternative sources of energy, is the largest project on the Weizmann Campus and is nearing completion with experiments scheduled to begin

within the next few weeks.

Mary Beck has also taken leadership roles for Weizmann including having spearheaded the establishment of the Raoul Wallenberg Scholarship. The Becks have three children and four grandchildren.

The Weizmann Institute is Israel's leading scientific research institution and is ranked amongst the top five or six in the world.

Founded as the Sieff Institute in 1934 by Chaim Weizmann and dedicated formally as the Weizmann Institute in 1949, the campus now spans some 250 acres with over 2,500 personnel, the vast majority of whom are researchers and technicians.

There are also 500 scientists-in-training pursuing either MSc or PhD degrees. In addition, over 100 scientists from more than 20 countries visit the campus each year.

Its research covers areas as distinct as mathematics, biology, nuclear physics, biochemistry, chemistry and physics. It is also unique in that it has established research under 12 major centres, allowing for cooperation between different disciplines.

For further information, contact the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science, 45 Sheppard Ave. E., North York, Ont. M2N 5W9; (416) 733-9220.

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Shaare Zedek plans to honor Greenspan



Al and Sara Waxman (left) are seen with Shaare Zedek honoree Eddie Greenspan and his wife Suzy.

Croll predicts Ontario ban

Mandatory retirement hit

By
BRUCE PARKINSON
TORONTO —

Ontario will soon follow the lead of Manitoba, Quebec and New Brunswick by passing legislation to ban mandatory retirement, says Senator David Croll.

"I'm sure they will be the next to do it," said Croll, adding, "I thought we would have finished with it by now."

Croll was speaking at a recent panel discussion sponsored by the Canadian Mental Health Association. The discussion was hosted by Eleanor Cooper, editor of a newsletter on elder abuse, and featured Croll, Conservative MP Bill Attewell, and law student Richard Cooper as panelists.

Croll, who Attewell referred to as the "dean on this subject" was chairman of the Committee on Retirement which was formed in 1977 and released its report, entitled Retirement Without Tears, in 1980.

In 1900 the life expectancy in this country was 49 years, today it is well over 70, Croll said. As a result, "we needed a new definition of old age. It is unfair for an employer to use the calendar without regard for ability and need," he said.

The goals of the report's recommendations are to make retirement more flexible, by removing the set age and providing options for workers who are not ready to retire.

"It's quite a hit, quite a shock to a person to be working one day and retired the next," the 87-year-old senator said.

"There is a loss of dignity and decency, a feeling that you are not worth anything anymore."

Attewell joked that an older person "is someone who is 20 years older than you are — no matter what your age." He said that there is some flexibility starting in the system, and encouraged people to organize and lobby to speed up the process.



Senator David Croll

Judging by the audience in attendance this night at the Bathurst Heights Library there is much fear and worry among people nearing retirement age, especially those (mainly divorced or widowed women) who will depend mostly on a government pension.

There is also a good deal of resentment created when someone is told they are too old to work.

"I didn't realize I was old till they told me," one man told the panel. "Retirement wouldn't have been so hard if it was my choice."

Many people feel this way, said Attewell, who is a member of the Commons human rights committee looking into the problems of age discrimination.

While touring the country taking submissions on the subject Attewell has repeatedly been told that many people are ready to slow down, work less hours, take less responsibility and make less money as they get older.

They do object, however, to being told that as of a certain day they are no longer of value to their place of employment.

"The key element is maintaining self-worth," Attewell said.

There is also a segment of the population who would be happy to retire early, the MP said, provided they have sufficient

funds to live comfortably on.

Nina Herman, founder of the Older Women's Network, was in attendance and said that women in the 55-65 age group are "particularly disadvantaged."

Many were homemakers most of their lives, and are now divorced or widowed. Those who are working hope to keep going after 65 as their husband's pension either left or died with them — leaving them with only a government pension.

Croll called the treatment of women "one of the tragedies of the welfare system."

"We missed women," he said. "Then they suddenly crept up on us."

Second-year law student Richard Cooper spent part of last summer in Washington studying American laws on retirement.

He said the U.S. recently

raised the retirement age to 70 and also enshrined in law that "age should not be the sole criteria to judge one's ability."

A complaint board was also created that enables people who feel they are being retired prematurely to take action.

The onus is placed on the employer to prove the complainant was unfit to continue working. It is hoped, however, that most cases can be reconciled before this stage.

Cooper said it was the work of lobby groups such as the Gray Panthers and the American Association of Retired Persons that helped initiate the change.

The work of these kinds of groups also helps to change the image of older people, Croll said.

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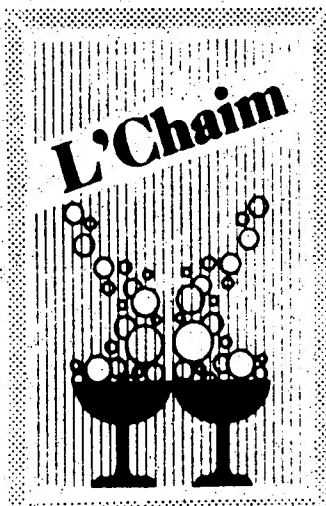
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Organizations and People

"Hard-won" products may face delisting, company says

Kosher liquors threatened by lack of support



By
DAVID BIRKAN

Tardy public reaction is threatening McGuinness Distillers' hard-won kosher liquors and whiskey at the Liquor Control Board of Ontario.

"Word is passing too slowly about them," said McGuinness district manager Jim Graff. "If they keep moving that slowly, we'll have to delist."

The first to disappear in near obscurity, Graff told The Canadian Jewish News, may be a 6-year-old rye whiskey, Canada LTD., at \$23.25 for a 1.14 litre (about 40 oz.) size.

Canada LTD is one of about a dozen liquors produced by McGuinness under the supervision of the Canadian Jewish Congress' vaad hakashruth. No other Canadian-made liquors are produced under the vaad's supervision to be certifiably kosher.

A call to the vaad office in Toronto verified Graff's statement.

The coloring in the kosher whiskey is caramel, said Graff. Most, if not all, other brands use sherry, a fortified wine. Wine not produced and served under

specified halachic guidelines is treif.

McGuinness's three vaad-supervised vodkas — Red Tassel, Silhouette, and the new Polar Ice — are produced from pure grain spirits and contain no additives.

One popular selling brand of vodka is made with milk, he told The CJN. "At the very least, that means it can't be used with fleishig meals," he said. "So who's going to drink vodka with their cereal?"

Graff, the son of a Viennese sofer (scribe), declined to name the brand. He suggested that those concerned ask Rabbis Mordechai Levin or Nachman Shemen at the vaad directly, (416) 635-9550.

McGuinness has been producing kosher liquors for the past two years. The process is involved and time-consuming.

"It's like preparing for Pesach," said Graff. "The stills have to be closed down and scrubbed so clean that nothing is left from the previous run. They then have to be flushed out with boiling water." This is to remove all traces of wine or wine products, milk products, colorings, and other non-kosher additives used in general runs.

Also under vaad supervision are McGuinness's Anisette, Triple Sec, Amaretto, Castaway Rum Liqueur, Peach Schnapps, Cherry Whiskey, Cafe Noir, Cacao Brown, Cafe de Paris, and Creme de Menthe. Their labels bear the vaad's COR 120 designation.

Graff credits the caterers serving Adath Is-

rael, Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda, Beth Shalom, Bnei Torah, Lodzer Centre, Pride of Israel, and Torah Emeth congregations for introducing McGuinness kosher liquors. "Every simcha should be kosher in every way," he said.

"Individually, those who follow kashruth should also use kosher products to replace non-kosher ones whenever available," he said.

McGuinness kosher liquors are included in kosher displays at the Lawrence Plaza, Wilson Ave., and Wilmington-Overbrook LCBO stores. They are also in most LCBO stores' general displays.

"We could blend a kosher Scotch here if we had more local support," said Graff.

Enthusiastic individual purchasers of McGuinness kosher products include visiting chassidim from New York, he said, who buy cases of the product to take home with them.

Graff, who started working for McGuinness in 1976, began to press the firm's management for a kosher line about four years ago. "It took two years to get final approval," he said. "Since then, we have done our best to produce it. Now it's in the consumers' hands."

Graff, a member of Beth Emeth for 22 years, escaped from Austria in 1938, arriving in England with 3,000 other Jewish children that December. His parents were killed in the Holocaust.

He came to Canada in 1947, after a 5-year stint in

the British army's Manchester Regiment.

Graff, a longtime Reena supporter, was the founda-

tion's fund raising chairman last year; this year, he is camp chairman.

He and his congrega-

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Organizations and People

Canadian Zionist Federation's Benabou:

Danger seen for Israel at superpower summit

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Should President Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev fail to agree on Star Wars or the Gulf at their summit conference in Washington on Dec. 7, there is a danger that they may agree on something in the Middle East.

"And whenever the United States and the Soviet Union agree on something in the Middle East," warned veteran Zionist leader Jacques Torczyner, "the decision is not good for Israel!"

And he warned against an international peace conference because in that event, the United States, although "a great friend of Israel, will become the

moderator and pressure Israel to make concessions.

"Israel will be the only country asked to make concessions and Henry Kissinger was right," he declared, "when he said that such a conference is only dangerous for the State of Israel and no one else."

Torczyner was the guest speaker at the annual B'nai B'rith State of Israel Bonds Breakfast honoring Rabbi Bernard Baskin of Temple Anshe Sholom and held this year at Beth Jacob Synagogue.

He praised the Reagan administration as "the most friendly towards Israel ever" and the President for having given Israel "more military and economic aid than all the other presidents combined."

He suggested that "Gorbachev is nothing else than Stalin in a tuxedo" and described Arafat as "completely finished... saved only by the mass media of the Free World."

Two ideals

One of the founders of the Bonds organization, Torczyner had praise for Israel, which "has restabilized its economy, has billions of dollars in reserve, increased its exports, improved its relations with the Common Market and has recovered economically thanks to the Jews of the world,

who have shown their confidence in the State of Israel by buying Bonds.

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Rabbi Baskin was presented with the Freedom of Israel Award by former Temple Anshe Sholom president and last year's honoree Dr. Franklyn Shapiro.

In his response, Baskin mentioned two ideals that had always loomed large for him: "The desire to create better understanding among racial and religious groups" and, as Rabbi Stephen Wise had taught his students, "to emphasize the noun Judaism and not the adjective Reform, Conservative or Orthodox."

"Judaism is one tree," declared Baskin. "There is only one set of roots. Properly understood, we are not three sects but three branches of the same tree. We cannot afford the luxury of sectarianism... Our common enemies are apathy, ignorance and triviality and empty-headed assimilation."

Others taking part in the program included Ralph Snow, president of B'nai B'rith Canada; Dr. Matt Schmerling, general chairman, State of Israel Bonds and John Ross, associate chairman; Mayor Bob Morrow; Andrea Stringer, president, Hamilton Jewish Federation and Rabbi Israel Silverman of Beth Jacob Synagogue.

Breakfast co-chairmen were Dr. Joel Schacher and Garry Levy and also at the headtable were Viceroy Reading Lodge president David Wright; Hamilton Lodge president, Jeff Levy, and Marvin Rosen-shein, vice-president, United Synagogue of America.



Dr. Franklyn Shapiro holds Freedom of Israel plaque awarded to Rabbi Bernard Baskin (centre). Rabbi Israel Silverman of Beth Jacob synagogue is seen at right.

Orot Israel principal to interview applicants

TORONTO —

Rabbi Yehuda Felix, principal of Orot Israel College for Women, will be in Toronto Nov. 26-30 to interview applicants for the academic year 1988-89.

Interviews will be conducted at Upanat Orot High School for Girls and at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto. Rabbi Felix will also deliver a shiur/study class at Yeshivat Or Chaim and address Congregation Bnei Torah on Saturday, Nov. 28.

"Rabbi Felix is well-known to the Toronto Jewish community," said a school spokesman. A graduate of the Yeshivot Merka Harav Kook, he was a shaliach for Bnei Akiva here. He returned to Toronto as the founding rosh yeshiva of the Bnei Akiva schools — Yeshivat Or Chaim/Upanat Orot High School for Girls.

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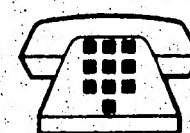
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Organizations and People

Music director seeks to persuade parents

Burlington Teen Tour Band invited to Israel

By
MOURA WOLPERT

BURLINGTON —

The Burlington Teen Tour Band has been invited to play in Israel at next year's 40th anniversary celebrations on April 21 and music director Don Allan has his fingers crossed they'll get there.

"If we don't make it," he said at his Burlington Music Centre office, "it won't be for lack of trying."

Allan recently returned from an 8-day visit, his enthusiasm such that he declares that everyone, Jewish or not, should visit

Israel at least once!

For that reason alone he's anxious to take the band. "I feel very strongly that our kids should see Israel. It is important that they see what this country is all about musically and historically," and he'll feel sad, he adds, "if they don't have this opportunity."

His greatest concern is persuading parents that Israel is safe. He plans to tackle them individually, and some non-Jews who have visited Israel, says Allan, have offered their support. In any case, "how can you guarantee absolute safety anywhere?" He felt

completely safe in Israel but won't, he declares, "take the band to Florida anymore unless they rescind that new (gun) law."

The invitation is the result of the widely traveled, award-winning band's appearance last January at the Tournament of Roses in California, where it was seen by a member of Israel's New York consular staff. He contacted Abraham Drori of the Israel Government Tourist Bureau in Toronto, who in turn contacted Allan.

Meanwhile, music director Shmuel Kahana of the Akko Youth Band was planning his North

American tour and, while here, met with Allan. As a result, the Akko band spent four days in Burlington last July and also appeared in Hamilton.

One thousand people attended the Akko band's concert here and "they got a really warm welcome," says Allan, who formed a close friendship with Kahana. The Israelis were billeted with local families and of all the bands that have visited Burlington, "more friendships were formed (with the Israelis) than with any other. I took about 18 letters to Israel to friends in the (Akko) band."

Allan hopes to take at least 175 of the 250 13-21-year-old band members, including majorettes and color guard. And if it works out, adds Allan, "part of the deal is to bring back clarinetist Mihal Bach, the outstanding soloist in a chassidic dance the Akko band played here, to perform at Hamilton Place with the

Teen Tour Band.

Allan wants to keep the cost of the tour to students down to \$400 each. Band boosters will raise funds as usual by selling cheese, and he will also appeal to the community for support.

A guest of the Akko Youth Band, Allan visited conservatories in Beer-sheba, Arad and Jerusalem, conducted concerts, attended workshops and studied teaching methods. He was impressed that "kids have fewer distractions and don't work after school but go to the conservatory to rehearse." Also, noted Allan, "classical music is a bigger thing there than here and, in that sense, Israel perhaps has a notch over ours."

The Akko band, on the other hand, "was interested in our methods, especially the marching aspect, and they want to see if they can incorporate that in their training."

But besides the music and tour arrangements,

"they also made sure I saw the whole country." With 20-year-old Mihal, who's the same age as his own youngest daughter, as his guide, Allan visited Ein Gev, Masada, Jerusalem. "It was just fabulous. An experience I shall never

forget. There's an inner feeling I just can't describe, so warm . . . the friendliness . . .

"If only the politicians and the U.N. would forget all their nonsense and just let the musicians get together."

TAU official extols study program merits

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

Canadian students are becoming more interested in continuing their post-secondary education in Israel and Amos Gilboa couldn't be happier.

As director of Tel Aviv University's Overseas Student Program, Gilboa is currently on a monthlong tour of Canada and U.S. high schools and universities extolling the virtues of studying at TAU.

"The numbers speak for themselves," he told The CJN during his visit to Toronto. "Five years ago there were four Canadian students at TAU. Today there are 30 registered in the first semester and another 10 in the second."

During the tour, Gilboa, a former Israeli military officer, has met with students in Montreal, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Hamilton, London and Toronto in Canada and will soon head to the U.S. where he will meet students from New York and Pittsburgh before returning to Tel Aviv.

He said reaction from students has generally been positive, pointing out he has received 20 requests for applications in Winnipeg and 10 requests at York University in Toronto.

"Students are thirsty to learn about Israel and to go there to study," Gilboa said.

He said part of the reason for TAU's success in attracting Canadian and American students is the "special home-like atmosphere" on campus.

From the moment a student joins the program, they are given every opportunity to become fully integrated into the university and Israeli communities. Counsellors are available to help students adjust to life in Israel and Israeli and foreign students are integrated in the university's dormitories.

While living on campus, students have the opportunity to participate in informal get-togethers, cof-

fee houses, Sabbath dinners and other campus activities.

While meeting with candidates for TAU's Overseas Student Program and helping start the program's alumni association under the umbrella of the Canadian Friends of TAU (CJN Nov. 5), Gilboa is also meeting with members of the Jewish community to seek funding for students in the program.

Gilboa said TAU has a lot to offer overseas students, both academically and culturally. He said TAU has a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate degree programs that require fluency in Hebrew. For those not fluent in Hebrew, he said a 1-year preparatory program is available.

In addition, the univer-

sity has a number of opportunities available for students who wish to study in Israel for a limited period of time only. These programs are taught in English.

As well as a strong academic program, Gilboa said TAU helps develop leaders for the Jewish community and helps strengthen students' roots in Israel and Judaism.

While stressing Israel, Gilboa said he is against pushing aliyah as it is a personal decision.

"It is hard to tell someone to leave their family and culture," he said.

Gilboa knows of what he speaks, having lived in Montreal from 1976-78 as director of education for Jewish National Fund of Canada.

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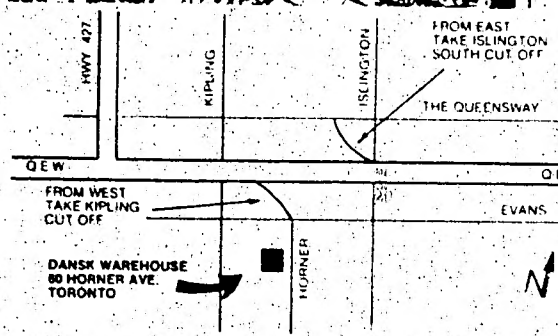
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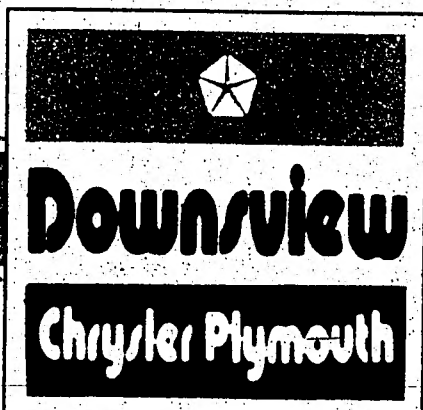
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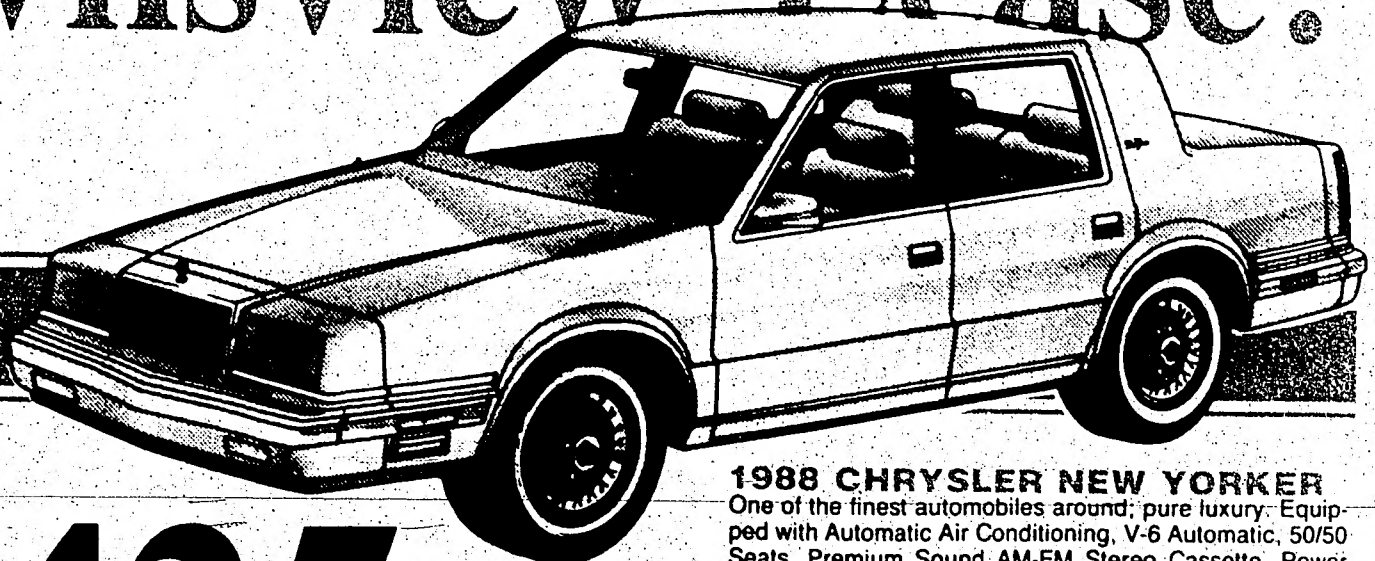
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Organizations and People

Soviets said trying to get rid of Jewish activists

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

The Soviet Union is attempting to separate the most active part of the Jewish community — the Refuseniks — from the rest, a former Refusenik says.

Boris Klotz told The CJN while here to address the Soviet Jewry issue at Holy Blossom Temple, whose members adopted his family in March 1986, that as the Refuseniks are the most vocal, the government is allowing them exit visas and "denying the

others the right to emigrate."

Citing the emigration decree of Jan. 1, which restricts those able to apply for an exit visa to those with a 1st-degree relative (parents, children, spouses or siblings) in Israel, he said, "almost no one will be able to leave — perhaps 10 people in a year."

Klotz voiced skepticism about Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's glasnost because "intentions are grand, but can he transform them into reality? Now is the time for concrete change and there is no change."

Although Klotz, his wife Elena and their four children were only given permission to leave Moscow for Israel in July, he is postponing getting on with his life to help the people he left behind.

When their first son was born seven years ago, the Klotz's decided that they didn't want to raise him in a country where they believed he had no chance — "there is no place for a Jew in Soviet society" — so they applied to emigrate. They were refused on the grounds that Elena, a French teacher, knew state secrets.

So they waited until several years later when they were adopted by both Holy Blossom and Boston's Temple Sinai. After he received permission to leave, Holy Blossom's first adopted family of Anatoly and Natasha Vasilevski, now of Boston, gave the shul the Klotz' name.

From that time, there were phone calls, letters, personal visits and political lobbying (including the efforts of the Canadian Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry, for whose endeavors Klotz expressed gratitude). Klotz says his family was never forgotten and its situation monitored by friends here and in the U.S.

"It helped so much, psychologically and politically."

In January, Klotz was "in big trouble" with the KGB. Together with eight Soviet scientists, he had signed a letter to the World Federation of Scientific Workers outlining the plight of hundreds of scientists who want to live in Israel and pursue their work.

Klotz and former hunger striker Alex Ioffe became highly visible when they tried unsuccessfully to present the letter to the federation president who was in Moscow. However, the letter was smuggled out and printed in Nature, a noted British-based sci-

entific publication.

It was at this point that considerable pressure — letter-writing campaigns and efforts by the Parliamentary committee — was applied and eventu-

ally resulted in his release.

He says that right now there is an urgent need for this kind of activity on behalf of Soviet Jews. He referred to the emergence

of a new anti-semitic group called Pamyat and the government's emigration policy in saying that the situation cries out for action.

As the Soviets are sensi-

tive to public opinion at this time, he urged the Jewish community to apply "all kinds of political pressure" to present its views in Ottawa and Washington.



Boris and Elena Klotz.

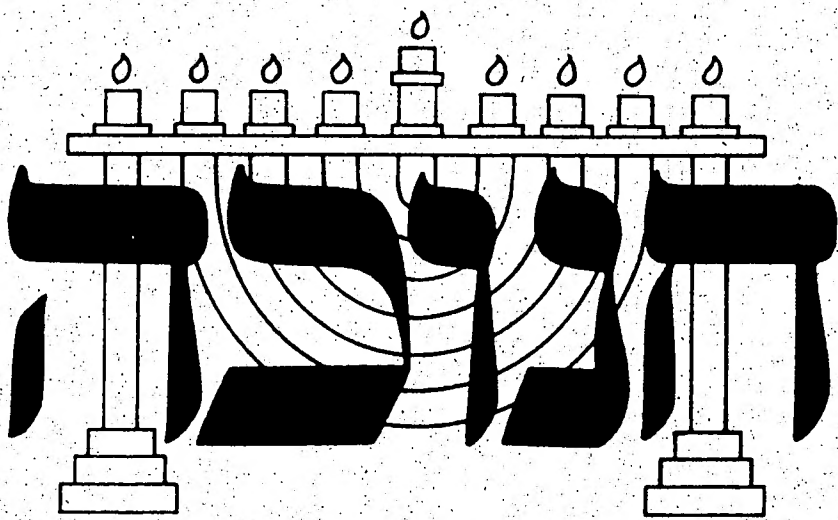
Professionals to hear
Tobin on leadership

TORONTO —

The Toronto Association of Professionals in Jewish Communal Service will present Prof. Gary Tobin of Brandeis University's Center for Modern Jewish Studies in a lunch-hour session Dec. 3 on "The Changing Nature of Community Leadership: Impli-

cations for the Professional."

Cost for lunch and the program (at the Lipa Green Building, starting at noon) is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Cost for the program only at 12.30 is \$5 for non-members, free for members. RSVP to Sheila Dropkin at 781-3584.



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Organizations and People

18 prominent Jews profiled in new book

Life in Winnipeg's dynamic North End described

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

The city's famed North End comes to life once more through the pages of Harry and Mildred Gutkin's new book, *The Best of Times, The Worst of Times*.

Published by Ontario's Fitzhenry and Whiteside, the book was launched at a Jewish Historical Society reception at the Rosh Pina Synagogue recently.

It profiles 18 prominent Jewish Winnipeggers and former Winnipeggers (mainly the latter), men and women who have made their mark in entertainment and literature, science and the civil service, law and medicine, who grew up in the North End during the area's heyday in the years between the wars.

Former Manitoba Chief Justice Samuel Freedman, the only one of the 18 at the launching, explained the North End's dynamism in terms of the famous car rental firm slogan. "We tried harder," he said, "years before Avis dreamed up the slogan."

Winnipeg Mayor William Norrie described the book as "exciting, interesting and an important contribution to the history and literature of the City of Winnipeg."

The North End is that area of Winnipeg north of the railyards that have

always divided the city. This is the area, centred on Selkirk Ave., where the immigrants coming from Eastern Europe before and after World War I clustered. It is comparable to the Spadina district in Toronto, the St. Urbain-St. Lawrence area in Montreal

and New York's Lower East Side.

"The North End was a microcosm," said Saul Kanee, the evening's master of ceremonies. "Our parents came poor and settled among other poor people. The authors (the Gutkins) and their

friends grew up in the interwar years, truly witnesses to the best of times, the worst of times.

"Their book unfolds the Jewish experience in the era through the odysseys of 18 North Enders who have attained the heights of Canadian society."

This is Harry Gutkin's third book on the Jewish experience in Canada. He had previously published *Journey into Our Heritage*, a history of Jewish settlement in western Canada to World War II. His second book, *The Jewish Canadians*, came out in 1983 as part of a Multicultural Canada series.

The interviews for *The Best of Times, The Worst of Times* were conducted

across Canada and in Israel in 1983. Of the 18 people interviewed, three of them went to school with Harry Gutkin: scientist Leo Yaffe, a former vice-president of McGill University; Frank Shefrin of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization, and Winnipeg North MP David Orlikow.

Gutkin remembers the old North End, a world that exists only in memory now, he says, as "a tight enclave of the intellect" where the discussions began right after classes every day and never seemed to end. "Those of us who grew up then can be grateful for coming to maturity at that time," he said.

Mildred Gutkin, an associate professor of English at the University of Manitoba, described the North End as "a treasure we didn't know we possessed at the time. We are celebrating a place now that we all wanted to escape from then," she said.

"It wasn't easy growing up there. We always felt different and insecure. We fought a secret battle for independence from our loving, caring, dominating parents. Yet their greatest gift to us was the strength of our alienation, the courage to take unpopular stands."

The Best of Times, The Worst of Times goes on sale nationally in bookstores this month.

Zaglembie project set

MONTREAL —

Jews from the Zaglembie region of Poland have undertaken a major international project to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the destruction of their communities in Europe.

The Zaglembians are planting 10,000 trees on 40 dunams of land off the main Tel Aviv-Jerusalem road, near the historical town of Modiin. This is the site where the Macabees began their heroic struggle against their enemies 2,000 years ago.

The project, scheduled to be completed by the spring, has been undertaken with the cooperation of Keren Kayemet.

The project, which also commemorates the end of World War II, is under the auspices of the World Organization of Zaglembie Jews. The Association of Zaglembie Jews of Montreal, which has about 160 members, is participating in the project.

"This undertaking will memorialize the Holocaust and our beloved destroyed communities," said association president Charles Wolbromsky, "and the redemption of Zaglembie Jews in Israel and elsewhere."

An appropriate monument will be erected in the park and a tablet will list the names of the towns and villages where Jews lived in Zaglembie. Also

planned is a wall inscribed with the names of family members who perished, and of the main donors.

"This project costs a great deal of money and can only be carried out if every Zaglembie Jew opens his heart and his purse. The association in Montreal is appealing to all former inhabitants of Zaglembie not belonging to the association to answer our call and get in touch with the local committee," Wolbromsky said.

Every contributor will receive a certificate containing information on relatives who perished.

For information, call Cemach Rotsztein, (514) 484-5329, or Lola Cholewa, (514) 489-1349.

Student use of drugs falls

TORONTO —

Marijuana use by Ontario high school students declined significantly from 21.2% in 1985 to 15.9% in 1987, the use of cocaine in Metro Toronto by students declined from 5.8% in 1985 to 3.8% in 1987 and consumption of beer and liquor was unchanged between 1985 and 1987.

These results of a survey of 4,267 students in grades 7, 9, 11 and 13 from 170 schools across Ontario were reported recently by the Addiction Research Foundation. It said the sample represents 460,000 students.

The use of regular tobacco remained unchanged from 24.5% in 1985 to 24% in 1987, but it is significantly lower than all other surveys prior to 1985.

There was cause for concern in some of the statistics about beer and liquor: for instance 5.2% of all students surveyed fell into the category of frequent heavy drinking (having five or more drinks at one sitting).

About 6% of the students wished that they could curb their current level of drinking, which is similar to 1985's finding.

This 1987 study covers a full decade which makes it the longest systematic account of alcohol and drug use among a youthful population in Canada.

Non-medical barbiturate use declined from 4.4% to 3.3% between 1985 and 1987 while non-medical stimulant use

fell from 11.8% to 7.9% in the two years. The barbiturates include Seconal and Amytal, and the stimulants include "uppers," "beans," "Christmas trees," "Black Beauties," and diet pills.

Overall use of the 17 drugs surveyed in 1987 continued to show a decline which began after 1979. Overall, no drugs showed an increase in 1987.

"The major decline in marijuana use is a very important trend," said Dr. Reginald Smart, senior author of the study. "Since marijuana is the most widely used illicit substance, any significant increase or decrease will greatly affect students' general involvement with illicit drugs."

"For this reason, the decline carries great weight in determining the overall picture of illicit drug use."

Since 1981, there is a clear trend away from multiple drug use by students. More students limited use to one substance (38.1% in 1987 compared with 34.8% in 1981 while fewer reported using four or more substances (10% in 1987 compared with 15% in 1981).

Illicit drug use in the U.S. is still substantially higher than in Canada. For example, among American high school seniors, about 40% report use of marijuana and 13% cocaine and this compares with about 35% and 6% respectively for Ontario students of the same age groups.

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Organizations and People

Resistance fighter recounts battle to survive

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

An important aspect of the Warsaw Ghetto resistance often misunderstood is that the uprising in Warsaw was not an isolated occurrence but instead part of other forms of physical and spiritual resistance by Jews against the Nazis.

This was the message brought to the recent Holocaust Education Week gathering at Beth

Sholom Synagogue by Vladka Meed, of New York, a Warsaw Ghetto resistance fighter herself, who was chairwoman of the committee which organized the reunion of 3,500 survivors in Jerusalem in 1983.

Meed told the near-capacity crowd of 700 that she will never forget the sight of old men in the Warsaw Ghetto looking through books in little carts, offering a few droshen for this book or that, for they still

sought nourishment for their souls even though they had nothing to eat. "Often secret literary evenings were held in the ghetto, she said.

Speaking of her experiences in that ghetto, Meed said: "They wanted us to remember them. They carved it in stone, 'Remember Us.'"

She also related how underground newspapers were printed, and how Yom Kippur services were held despite being banned by the Nazis.

Harvey Ash, a member of the Holocaust Education Week Committee, said that because of her Aryan appearance Meed was able to slip past German soldiers, taking messages to Jewish partisans in bunkers and in the woods.

An important part of the Beth Sholom program was given over to music and literature. Holocaust songs of defiance, hope and courage were sung by Jenny Eisenstein, an Auschwitz survivor, accompanied by Fagel Gartner Krolitsky. Songs For Remembering were performed by Kim Korosky.

The most emotional moments came near the end of the program when Eisenstein sang "Zog Nit Keyn Mol," (Never Say) which became the anthem of the underground resistance. It was written by Hirsh Glik who set the words to a melody by the Russian composer Dmitri Pokrass. Glik was imprisoned in Estonia and was killed by the Germans in 1944.

Tamar Rubinstein recit-

ed The Grandmother I Never Knew, a poem she wrote at the age of 9, while Laurie Lewinsky, 14, sang a tribute to survivors that she composed herself.

Poetry written by Anna

Berman was read by Cory Cotton, 16, Jason Dojc, 12, Jason Levitt, 12, Suzanne Socken, 12, Dina Taub, 12, and Elana Taub, 14.

Howard Warren, chairman of the synagogue's

Holocaust committee, delivered a message of welcome, while Nathan Leipziger, chairman of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress,

thanked Meed.

A display of art, photos and books on Holocaust themes included about 25 poems by Grade 4 students of Bialik Hebrew Day School.

Assimilation, youth topic

TORONTO —

A panel discussion will be held Tuesday Dec. 1 on whether Toronto's Jewish community is losing its battle to keep youth aged 13 to 18 from assimilating, and if so, why.

The discussion — to be held at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue at 470 Glencairn Ave. — will feature guest panelists Max Schechter, president of Canadian Zionist Federation's central region; Les Sheininger, president of Associated Hebrew Schools; and Mira Koschitzky, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress's Ontario region.

Chairman of the panel, which will begin at 7.30 p.m., will be Rabbi Henry Hoschander of the Shaarei

Shomayim Synagogue. Admission will be free.

The event is being sponsored by the Adult Education of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation and Canadian Zionist Federation in association with the recently formed Association for Jewish Survival.

Youth organizations invited to participate in the discussion are B'nai Brith Youth Organization, Zionist Youth Groups, Chabad Lubavitch, National Conference of Synagogue Youth, North Eastern Lakes Federation of Temple Youth, United Synagogue Youth and North American High School Organization of Network.

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At the dedication of the Helen Frieberg Centre of Computer Science in Jerusalem are (from left) Rabbi Meyer Berglas, Murray Frieberg, Ambassador James Bartleman and Rabbi Moshe Stern.

Women grads seen as "bridge"

Frieberg Centre dedicated

JERUSALEM —

Graduates of the Israel Institute of Technology for Women in Jerusalem will help alleviate tension between the secular and religious elements in Israel, says Zevulun Hammer.

Israel's minister of religious affairs and former education minister was addressing a recent dinner honoring Murray Frieberg, president of Toronto's Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, following the dedication of the Helen Frieberg Centre of Computer Science.

Hammer said that the young women graduates of the Helen Frieberg Centre, which is part of the institute, are steeped in Jewish learning and trained for a professional career.

"They could be a bridge in improving understanding between the secular and the observant elements in Israel," he said.

Guest speaker at the dinner was Canadian Ambassador to Israel James Bartleman who said the institute is playing an important role in providing highly trained personnel for Israel's high-tech industries.

The Israel Institute of Technology for Women was founded by Rabbi Meyer Berglas, former spiritual leader of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation in Toronto, and is housed in the campus of the nursing school of the Shaarei Zedek

Medical Centre.

The institute's Helen Frieberg Centre of Computer Science was funded largely by Murray Frieberg in memory of his late wife Helen. The centre comprises lecture halls, a laboratory, library and student housing. The curriculum includes programming methodology, data structures, operating systems, data bases, systems analysis, computer architecture and communications.

At the dinner Rabbi Moshe Stern, spiritual leader of Shaarei Tefillah, described the establishment of the centre as a "significant way to recreate the past, by providing for a living, vital Jewish future."

"Murray Frieberg is memorializing his late wife Helen with a building that is vibrant with Jewish life, which will help young Jewish women become independent in a truly Jewish environment," he said.

Frieberg, in an interview in Toronto, said that to survive in Israel's overburdened economy, many young mothers have to combine a career with family life. And to survive professionally in modern Israel's hi-tech society, a career means a high level of academic and technical education.

"This applies to all elements of Israeli society — the dati, the observant, and

the non-observant alike," he said. Until recently, it was difficult for some young Orthodox women to acquire professional training, because Israel's best technical colleges were co-ed. All this has now changed with the advent of the institute.

"We can strengthen Israel's economy best through technology and for this we must have highly motivated, well-

educated young men and women from all stratas of Israel society," Frieberg said.

Frieberg, president of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation and Jack Spodek, house committee chairman, received plaques in recognition of their contribution to the centre.

Rabbi Stern was presented with a chanukiah in recognition of his work for the Centre.

BBW to boost membership drive

KINGSTON, Ont. —

B'nai B'rith Women of Canada plans to intensify its membership campaign in coming months, the organization's executive board announced at a recent 2-day meeting here.

Plans for leadership training in each community are also well under way. Ruth Rose, president, commended the activities of BBW's public affairs department, in particular the role the organization is taking on the Advisory Council for the Status of Women with respect to the Meech Lake Accord and its effect on women.

The executive reaffirmed its commitment to the B'nai

B'rith Women's Children's Home and Canada Group House, residential treatment centres in Jerusalem for emotionally disturbed boys and adolescents.

The centres are renowned for their innovative, non-drug treatment methods and their high success rate.

B'nai B'rith Women of Canada is sponsoring a series of educational materials on the subject of wife abuse in addition to the already printed Education Wife Assault Manual. The widely distributed pamphlet, Protect Yourself — Stop the Violence Against You, is now being reprinted in French.

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- Dec. 1 Canadian Zionist Federation and Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, panel - Les Scheininger, Mira Koschitzky, Max Shecter. Moderator Rabbi H. Hoschander. Topic: "Is the Toronto Jewish community losing the battle for its youth (13-18) if so — why?" 470 Glencairn Ave., 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 1 T'nach Study Group. Book of Daniel, Chapter III. Lecturer, Rabbi Pinchas Brummer. Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St., 8:15 p.m.
- Dec. 2 Emunah Women of Toronto presents Rabbi Avishai David. Subject: "Biblical women: Their contributions to prayer." Ulpnot Orot, 45 Canyon Ave., 8:30 p.m.
- Dec. 2 Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am. Speaker, Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg. Topic: "The Christian Problem: A Jewish View." 55 Yeomans Rd., 7:30 p.m. Continuing series.
- Dec. 4 Temple Sinai. Musical Legacy, "An Oney Shabbat Singalong" with Ben Steinberg and Cantor S. Weingort, with the Temple Sinai choir for audience singalong. 210 Wilson Ave. Following services.
- Dec. 8 Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Forum on AIDS. Mental, Legal and Judaic Aspects, with Dr. Anita Shifris, Prof. Bernard Dickens and Rabbi M. Silverman. 3080 Bayview Ave., 8:15 p.m.
- Dec. 9 Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am. Speaker, Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg. Topic: "The Christian Problem: A Jewish View." 55 Yeomans Rd., 7:30 p.m. Concluding series.
- Dec. 9 Medina Theatre Ensemble, dramatized reading of two short stories "Train Ride" and "Passport" by Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut who will join the Medina Ensemble in presentation. Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., 8 p.m.
- Dec. 13 Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Speaker, Saleh Mukamel, chairman of the National Committee for Jews in Arab Lands of CJC. Topic: "Facts the mass media like to forget - History up to the present of the Jews in Arab Lands." 470 Glencairn Ave., Sisterhood Hall, 8 p.m.
- Dec. 15 T'nach Study Group, Book of Daniel, Chapters IV and V. Lecturer, Dr. Isadore Cass. Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St., 8:15 p.m.

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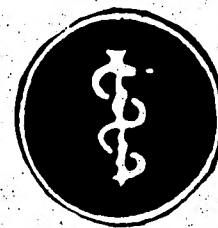
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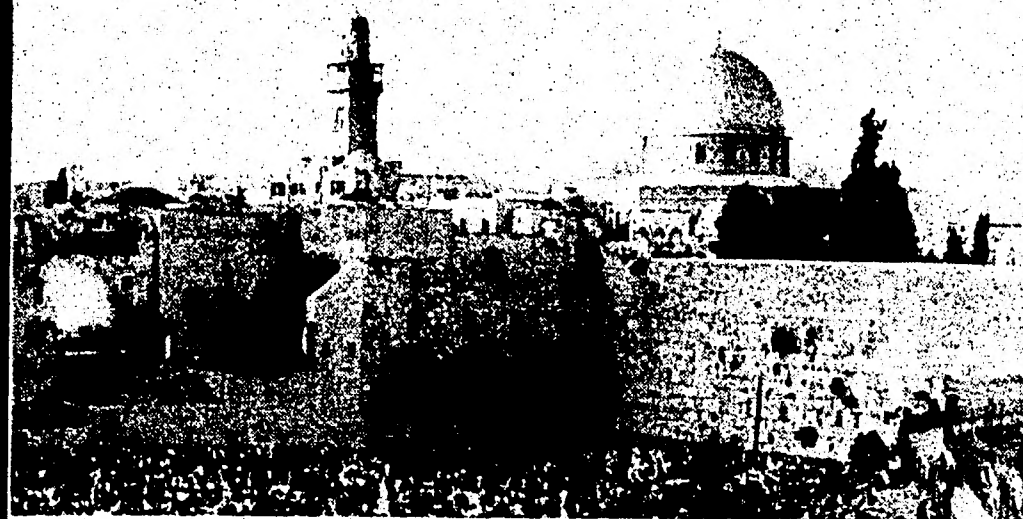


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Organizations and People

\$600,000 bequest from the late Israel Mooney

Gift boosts Jewish Foundation of Manitoba

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Throughout his life, the late Israel Mooney believed strongly in the mitzvah of charity. His \$600,000 bequest to the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba is designed for continuous support of the Jewish community of Winnipeg and the Jewish National Fund, and to ensure his charitable works will live on.

The posthumous gift from Mooney, who died at age 85 three years ago, is the largest single bequest the Jewish Foundation of

Manitoba has received to date. The foundation was formed in 1964 to help meet the growing and often unforeseen needs of future generations. It provides financial support towards meeting the needs of Jews both here at home and in Israel.

The concept of the foundation centres on the principle that charitable donations or bequests are primarily aimed at securing the future needs of the community. By this, only income earned from the original contribution is used to help the beneficiaries.

The actual bequest re-

mains intact, and it constitutes a portion of the foundation's capital fund.

Mooney has been described as a fine man, kind, well-read and learned in both Yiddish and Hebrew, and a good businessman. A member of B'nai B'rith and the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, he davened every morning and he believed in tzedakah all his life, say those who knew him.

Mooney was one of eight brothers and sisters who were orphaned at a young age. He came to Canada in his late teens from Russia to join two older sisters who had im-

migrated previously. He worked hard to bring over his other brothers and sisters and other friends and relatives.

Mooney made his living as a fur broker. He maintained an active interest in the fur business right to the end. Long after he sold R. Mooney Furs to Ben Smoridin in 1973, he kept up an office which he visited daily to follow the latest happenings in the industry.

In light of his early life and struggles, he was a great supporter of the Society of Orphanages in Tel Aviv. He made several trips to Israel and also supported senior citizens' homes,

the Technion and Boy's Town.

The institution closest to his heart, however, was the Jewish National Fund. Half the interest from his bequest to the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba

is earmarked for the JNF, with the remainder going to local community programs.

To express its gratitude to the late Israel Mooney and his family, in recognition of his vision and great gener-

osity, the board of directors of the JNF has resolved to designate Israel Mooney a founder of Galil Canada — a major project in the redevelopment and revitalization of Israel's central Galilee region.

Allen will address educators

TORONTO —

Rabbi Wayne Allen of Beth Tikvah Synagogue will be the keynote speaker at the 3rd annual lay-professional development day for Jewish educators who teach at Conservative institutions, Tuesday, Dec. 1 at Adath Israel Congregation, 37 Southbourne Ave.

His topic will be Can Biblical Laws be Immoral? Before coming to Toronto, Rabbi Allen served congregations in Staten Island, NY, and Lakewood, Calif. He was ordained in 1977 by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America where he is currently pursuing a doctorate in Talmud and rabbinics.

He served as the educational director of Camp Ramah in California for five years and served on the

faculty of the California State University at Long Beach for three years where he taught in the Religious Studies department, concentrating on Modern Jewish Thought and Zionism.

Allen has also taught in the Rabbinical School and the School of Education at the University of Judaism, the West Coast branch of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

He also serves as a member of the Panel of Halachic Inquiry of the Union for Traditional Conservative Judaism and has edited its compendium of responsa.

The theme for the development day is Ethics in the Bible: Following registration at 5 to 5.15 p.m., three concurrent workshops will be held, 5.20 to 6.15 p.m.: God, Man and Creation,



Rabbi Wayne Allen

presented by Rabbi Harvey Meirovich of Beth Shalom Synagogue; Between Man and His Fellow Man, by Rabbi Lawrence Troster of Shaareh Haim Synagogue; and Ethics of Ritual Law by Aaron Nussbaum, educa-

tional director of United Synagogue Day School.

Following dinner and the keynote speaker, a panel discussion on Bio-Medical Ethics will wind up the program. The presenter, Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum, chairman of the Jewish Educators' Assembly, Canada Region, will be joined by four panelists, Jules Kronis, Adath Israel Congregation; Dr. Eliot Philipson, Beth Tikvah Synagogue; Harvey Joseph, Beth Tzedek Congregation; and Rabbi Wayne Allen.

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Organizations and People

Perpetrators "are rather proud of what they did"

Kaplan: Jews must keep war criminal issue alive

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —
It is up to all Jews to make

sure that bringing war criminals to justice stays on the political agenda, says Liberal MP Robert Kaplan.

Speaking at a recent breakfast meeting of the Beth Shalom Brotherhood, Kaplan (York Centre) said that "we must try to nail these people who are not

sorry but are rather proud of what they did" during the war.

The Liberal MP said that former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau did not see war criminals as a priority on his agenda because he claimed government should deal only with problems of the present.

He told the group that it was not anti-semitism that directed Trudeau's thoughts. "On the contrary, Trudeau is least interested in whether or not a person is Jewish. He just felt that if you turn back and look at all problems in Canadian history, where do you stop?"

Kaplan said, however, that because many of these war criminals are still alive they are not history. "When it is history I'll put it behind me, but it is not history."

He said that Jews are a people who never forget their history. "We want the experience of the Holocaust to live forever in the conscience of the world. Bigotry should never again be allowed to get out of hand."

The MP told the meeting that he is proud of the fact that Canada has always cared so much about Israel. "We do not see in Canada a pro and anti-Israel division in political parties. On the other



Robert Kaplan

hand, there is competition among parties to have a more pro position on Israel."

Kaplan said that as well, Jews in this Diaspora who need assistance are high on Canada's political agenda. He noted that the Canada Parliamentary Association for Soviet Jewry is the largest parliamentary association in Ottawa.

The MP said, however, that there are two things about Canadian Jewry that worry him. "I am happy that there is a large Jewish presence in Ottawa but in the last few years three different offices, run by B'nai B'rith, Canadian Jewish Congress and Canada Israel Committee have opened up for the purpose of lobbying."

While it is good for them to be there, "I worry about having three organizations all speaking

for the Jewish community," he said.

Kaplan added that lobbies "must get their act together and not go off in different directions."

He said he is also concerned about the fact that the Jewish community has concentrated in major population centres instead of spreading out across the country. "There have always been a small number of Jews involved in the life of small towns. Now we are losing that effectiveness of the Jewish community."

JF&CS Just-A-Second Shop helps needy in community

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

TORONTO —

How often have you thrown out a piece of clothing you have barely worn because it doesn't fit anymore or it was a gift that didn't suit your taste?

And how often, when throwing things out, have you wished that someone else could make use of the perfectly good article?

The Just-A-Second Shop located at 3420 Bathurst and run by Jewish Family & Child Service in cooperation with B'nai B'rith will be happy to accept your "like new" garments and find them a new home.

In its fifth year of operation, the store has helped provide quality clothing to over 9,000 needy members of the community.

The shop is a storefront operation where anyone can come in, browse around, try things on and make purchases within their budgets. There is no

charge for those who cannot afford to pay — but the prices are set so almost anyone can.

"Almost everyone tries to pay something," said JF&CS's Shirley Worth. "It gives them a feeling of dignity and control that having things given to you doesn't."

Most of the merchandise sold at the store is donated by members of the community but Worth says retailers, manufacturers and wholesalers are beginning to get involved.

With help from the Fashion Division of UJA, people in business are beginning to see the store as an appropriate spot for end of season leftovers, samples and manufacturers' seconds.

"We'd love to see more," Worth said.

One example of a retailer getting involved is a promotion initiated by Marquis Shoes who, for the month of November, offered a 15% discount on

new winter boots to people who brought in their used boots.

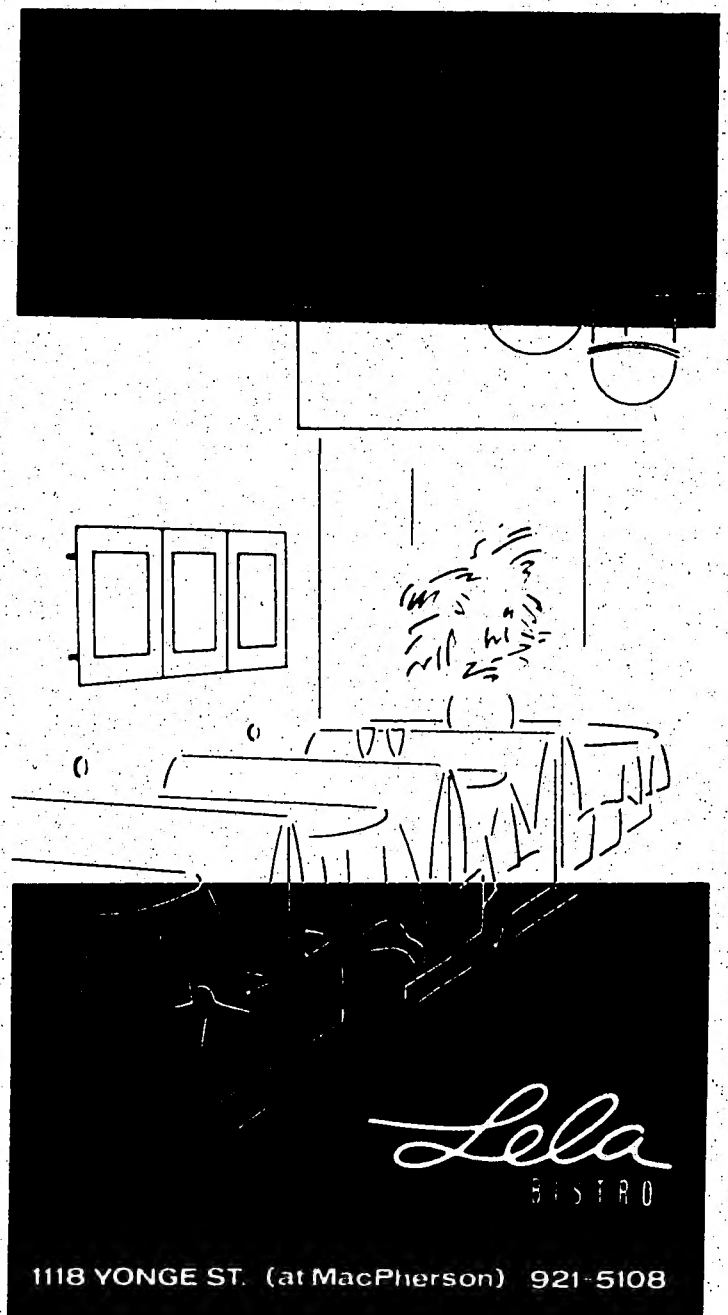
Though the promotion ends Nov. 30, Mark Morayniss of Marquis says he will be glad to accept used boots and forward them to the store after that date.

The Just-A-Second Shop has operated at a loss since it was opened, Worth said, and would not exist without the dozen volunteers who make it work.

Worth singled out Jean Goldstein, the volunteer chairman of the store, as being "critical to its success."

Clothing donations should be brought in on hangers to keep them in good shape, "just as if you were giving them to a friend," Worth said.

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Organizations and People

Value volunteers: Baycrest's Bidner

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Volunteers must be treated as valuable members of the team by staff if the agency they work for is to retain their services, says Cecille Bidner, whose job is to keep the more than 900 volunteers at Toronto's Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, and the staff they assist, happy.

"We must constantly send out the message we need you, we can't do without you."

Bidner, Baycrest's director of volunteer services, was the keynote speaker at the 8th annual educational conference for volunteers of the Golden Age Association. More than 400 volunteers, most of them senior citizens themselves, attended the half-day conference.

The theme was volunteer-staff relationships, and Bidner offered a psychological approach to avoiding some of the tensions that may arise between those at a social service agency who are paid for their work, and those who are not.

"Paid staff tend to talk down to volunteers and view them as less capable than paid staff. Volunteers

are usually not accountable for their actions and therefore do not feel responsible for them," Bidner said. Staff must understand why people volunteer.

"In our materialistic world, the volunteer is looking for a commodity money can't buy: a sense of meaning and value. The volunteer needs to feel needed and appreciated and to know he is doing something worthwhile and important."

Volunteers want respect and status, she said, and they need to be motivated and given variety in their work. Coalescing these needs with those of staff, which she defined as "space, authority and control," is the foundation of a good working relationship, she said.

The director of volunteer services must at the outset ensure that she understands each individual volunteer's skills and interests in order to make the right placement in the first place, Bidner said. The director must also consider how long it will be before the assigned task becomes boring or stressful for the volunteer. Follow-up on a regular basis is important.

Recognition should not be left to chance, she said. "It's not the responsibility of the individual staff

members to say thank you...The volunteer must always be treated with the utmost respect and courtesy by all staff." Badges, awards and publicity are tangible signs of appreciation, she said.

"Clear and frequent" communication between volunteers and staff is essential. "It behooves the volunteer to make it known when his needs are not being met."

Conflicts often arise between staff and volunteers because little attention is given to the compatibility of their personalities or working styles. At Baycrest, she said, staff fill in requisition forms for the volunteer assistance they want, giving specific details as to the type of work and who will supervise it — rather than have volunteers pre-selected for them.

"The more complete the job description is for the volunteer, the less tension is likely to occur." Both staff and volunteers at Baycrest, which cares for 2,000 elderly persons, periodically evaluate their performance and satisfaction.

Above all, staff and volunteers must have a sense of humor. "We have to be able to laugh at ourselves as we work together."



Cantors (from left) Kirschblum, Kowarsky and Maissner prepare for Hazzanim Go Chassidic concert.

Three cantors to entertain

TORONTO —

The Toronto Council of Hazzanim Go Chassidic, a program of Israeli, chassidic and cantorial music, at the Holy Blossom Temple, Monday, Dec. 7, at 8 p.m.

Featured artists are Cantors Eliezer Kirschblum of Adath Israel Congregation, Paul Kowarsky of Beth Tzedec, Benjamin Maissner of Holy Blossom and Sheldon Merel of Beth Israel in San Diego. A klezmer band will provide accompaniment.

Some of the money raised through this concert will be earmarked for Beit Hachochim, the Disabled Veterans of Israel's armed forces.

Over the years, the council has provided scholarships to several young cantorial students at both the Jewish Theological Seminary and the Hebrew Union College School of Sacred Music. The council's major project this year will be the financial support of three young Russian

emigrants who are training as cantors.

Council cantors give concerts at the Baycrest Home for the Aged, and financial support to the Ezra Kadimah School, the Board of Jewish Education, the JCC and the Jewish Public Library.

Special guest Merel was cantor of Holy Blossom from 1969 to 1979, and is a past president of the council.

General admission is \$9.

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Organizations and People

Canadian Zionist Federation official:

Reunion shows young people care about Israel

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

Hundreds of youth who turned out for a recent reunion have shown they care for Israel, says an official of the Canadian Zionist Federation.

The reunion was held for former participants in the federation's summer programs in Israel. It also

marked the opening of a recruitment campaign for similar upcoming Israeli youth programs in the summer of 1988.

About 350 Toronto area youth aged 14 to 25 attended the reunion at the Jewish Community Centre's northern branch. Most had no affiliations with Jewish organizations.

"We did not expect to have such big numbers,"

said Albert Benabou, Israel executive director of Youth and Hechalutz.

"We were overwhelmed. They were coming in waves and waves."

"By their gesture they were saying, 'Here we are — we care. We had an excellent experience in Israel and we want to relive it.'"

During the evening the young people exchanged

pictures and shared experiences they had in the Israel summer programs. They also danced to popular and Israeli music.

Special guests included Moshe Benzioni, vice-consul of Israel; Ely Berzan, national director of Youth and Hechalutz, who has spent the last 10 years helping run the federation's summer programs; and Max Schechter, president of

the federation's central region.

Schechter appealed to the crowd to celebrate Israel's upcoming 40th anniversary by joining in increased numbers in the federation's 1988 summer programs to Israel.

Benabou said youth were informed of the reunion — held in cooperation with the JCC — through a publicity blitz involving hundreds of telephone calls and the distribution of thousands of flyers.

Key reunion organizers included the JCC's youth director Liz Sokolsky and youth chairman Bill Catz.

"It is the first time we succeeded to have such a huge turnout with this age group," said Benabou, adding past reunions have often attracted as few as 20 people.

Last summer about 1,500 youth from across Canada went on the federation's summer programs to Israel. In 1986, about 1,200 went on similar programs.

Benabou said federation officials are hoping even more will go during Israel's 40th anniversary year.

Zave Ettinger, Youth and Hechalutz's chairman, met on Sunday with Menachem Revivi, general director for Youth and Hechalutz in Jerusalem, to discuss preparations to deal with the anticipated increased numbers of participants.

"We expect hundreds to participate out of the Ontario region and all over Canada," Benabou said.

The programs — expected to range in price from \$2,500 to \$2,900 — will last from four to 6½ weeks. Most participants aged 14 to 23 will spend about three weeks living on a kibbutz and three weeks touring Israel.

Some programs will include up to four days of structured field exercises, with hiking and orienteering.

Some youth will spend up to 10 days at nature reserves studying geography, history and ecology.

The tour portion of the program will include camping and hiking to scenic and historic sites.

"It's not only the touring, but it's living the history that occurred in the country," Benabou said.

He said his organization will also offer a "quick trip" to Israel for young adults aged 25 to 33. The

3-week visit will include the option for participants to extend their stay and tour on their own.

More than 200 requests for applications have already been received for the federation's 1988 Israel summer youth programs.

For more information, call the Israel Youth Program Centre at 665-7733 or write to 1000 Finch Ave. W., Suite 117, Downsview, Ont. M3J 2E7.

Healthwatch

Instability, creativity linked

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Creative people may indeed be more unstable than the rest of the populace, but they aren't any smarter.

These are among the findings of a 15-year study reported in a recent issue of the American Journal of Psychiatry.

Researcher Nancy Andreason found that 80% of a group of writers experienced at least one episode of emotional disorder, as compared to 30% of control subjects. About 30% suffered from alcoholism, compared to 7% among control subjects.

Two of the writers (7%) committed suicide in the 15-year period; no one did among the others. A disproportionately higher incidence of emotional disorders was found among the immediate relatives of the writers' group.

There was no indication of higher intelligence among the writers' group, in a variety of tests used. Although writers had better vocabulary skills, they did not score higher on verbal intelligence tests than the control group.

Also found was that 71% of writers' children displayed some degree of crea-

tivity, compared to 18% of the control group's children. The children's creativity encompassed a broad range of talents and was not limited to enhanced verbal skills.

The more TV children watch, the more likely they are to be overweight, according to an associate professor of pediatrics at Boston's Tufts University.

For each hour watched, the prevalence of obesity increases by 2-3%, Dr. William Dietz Jr. told a San Francisco session of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Obese children aged six to 11 years retained up to 100 calories a day more than they expended, in prolonged TV watching.

He also found that food-oriented commercials and the depiction of eating during regular programming — an average of eight times per hour — stimulates snacking, particularly of sugary or fatty foods.

Children living near electric power lines were found to have a higher incidence of leukemia and brain cancer than children living elsewhere.

The study of a total of 480 children between 1978 and 1983 in the Denver area was conducted for the New

York Power Lines Project, and released several months ago.

The cancer risk of children living closest to the power lines was 1.7 times higher than for children who lived away from the lines. The risk of developing leukemia in children was 2.1 times higher.

Power line effect

Magnetic fields generated by the power lines were posited as "a factor in the development of 10-15% of all childhood cancer cases."

No association was found between power lines and cancer in adults.

Project head Dr. David Carpenter, dean of the State University of New York's Albany School of Public Health, urged immediate follow-up studies.

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The bulletin recommends that infants be put to bed on a firm mattress designed for young children. "For maximum safety, they should be placed in cribs or cradles that meet the 1986 federal government safety standards," says the bulletin.

Hypnosis is being used with some success to soothe the children undergoing painful cancer therapy at Vancouver's Children's Hospital.

Clinical psychologist Leora Kuttner, who developed the hypnosis technique, said the key to her approach was to give the child power in a situation that was previously an experience of total terror.

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Fashion

Ashton features fun styles

By
JANICE ARNOLD

At first they might be dismissed as punker's drag, with all that leather and denim and studs. But a more open-minded second look will convince even the most staid that the Israeli-manufactured Billy Ashton collection is high-quality, imaginative clothing.

They are described as fantasy clothes with enough sophistication that they may be worn by women well into middle age, as well as their daughters.

Each piece is actually a work of art, meticulously created by one of the craftsmen at the company's factory in the southern resort town of Eilat and labelled "hand-made in Israel." But there's nothing folksy about Ashton Clothing.

Since the company was formed last year, its fashions have found markets throughout Europe — from Reykjavik to Naples, and Dublin to Vienna," as Ashton Clothing chairman Adrian Asher likes to say.

The Billy Ashton label

represents a union of the talents of an up and coming Israeli fashion designer and an established British real estate firm, the Ashton Group, which was looking to diversify.

Billy Heiman, the 31-year-old designer, was born on a kibbutz. She went to London to attend the Chelsea Art College and, in 1978, opened a small boutique in London, designing and manufacturing handmade chamois leather outfits.

A couple of years later, she returned to Israel where she continued to design one-of-a-kind fashions for a growing international clientele.

About 18 months ago, she teamed up with Ashton Clothing, which has its headquarters in London and is responsible for the marketing and sales of the label in Europe. The factory in Eilat, which employs 70 people, began production one year ago.

In addition to its wholesale business, there are two Billy Ashton retail outlets: boutiques in the fashionable St. Christopher's Place in London and, more re-

cently, in Tel-Aviv at the corner of Dizengoff and Gordon Sts.

Since this summer, a sister company, Ashton Fashions, based in New York, has opened showrooms in Dallas and Los Angeles. This month, Asher and company director Afi Beheshti were in Montreal to ink a deal with Le Groupe Tyfoon International, a distributor with eight showrooms across Canada.

Asher is confident the Billy Ashton spring collection will be in stores by February.

In Canada, Ashton is presenting two main collections, each piece wholesaling for over \$200. They are the Eilat Collection, stonewashed blue and black denim with the brown, tan or blue leather applique, and a suede collection.

The former, which also incorporate lace, ribbons, fringes, studs and/or beads, seems to be in some cases inspired by the Wild West. It includes suits, jackets and dresses — both mini and below the calf — some fringed at the hem with lace for a crinoline effect and

others jagged.

"These have the same inimitable style as the all leather range, but offer the more practical and wearable qualities of denim, to create a look which is slightly less formal, yet still suitable for both day and evening wear," Asher said.

The suede line, meant for evening wear, comes in intricately applied tan, blue, silver, pink, mauve and black pieces, in various combinations, and are decorated similarly to the denim and leather line, but in a softer, more subtle way.

Suits comprise strapless dresses and bolero jackets, mid-length dresses with full skirts and classical fitted outfits.

The leathers are from Italy and England.

"People tend to say I could never wear something like that — until they try an outfit on. They are flattering and look good on all women," Asher said.

He likes to stress both the individuality of each outfit — because they are handmade, styles all have small variations — and their durability.



This denim and leather outfit, made in Israel under the Billy Ashton label, may be in Canadian stores next year.

New accessory look

By
LORI SMITH

This season's simple, cleanly constructed fashions demand that particularly close attention be paid to accessories.

Helen Wex, owner of the Helen Wex Agency Ltd., a sales agency that represents several accessory collections including Canada Belt, Barkhor jewelry and Tokens of Gilt, says that for fall and winter accessory shapes are clean and elegant and the colors centre on burnished metallics.

"Earrings and bangles are outselling necklaces because of the softer, scaled down look of the clothes, and metallics are still in but bronze, copper and pewter are the top colors, not gold and silver."

She says that the resurgence of brown as a fashion color fits in with the look of the new metallics which are often offered in more subtle burnished tones.

The shapes and sizes of earrings, pins and necklaces remain substantial. Earrings are available in medium and large sizes but this season rhinestones, sequins and gimmicky trims are being replaced by cleanly shaped and frequently textured styles.

Pins and necklaces bear similar designs.

According to Wex, elegance is the chief characteristic of the season's accessories. She says that women want to look

like women again and that now they are very selective in their choice of accessories. The item has to complement the outfit and, if possible, be very unusual.

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Fashion

Upscale styles something to bark about

Duds and accessories for the discriminating canine

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

Toronto certainly has a sizable population of dogs, with no lack of well-heeled and mannered canine citizens among them.

But when it comes to fashion sense and savvy, the pampered pooches of Paris, New York and Beverly Hills have been snickering down their snouts at us for a long time.

However, changes are afoot that will make every classy cur want to sit up and howl.

"I was appalled by the

lack of selection in pet stores in Toronto," said Bonnie Silver, who spent two years visiting pet shops and shows across North America looking for products.

The Canine Collection (486-6625) is the result of that search. It is an eclectic compilation of clothing, colognes and cookies for the dog-about-town.

Many of Silver's products have been featured in prestigious dog magazines, such as CQ (Canine Quarterly) and Dogue — the four-legged fashion bible.

When shipments of

clothes starting filling the basement room Silver works out of, she says she thought to herself "Oh no, how are we going to sell all this stuff." Now she worries about keeping things in stock.

In business for only eight months, Silver is encouraged by the number and variety of her clients.

"I thought it would just be the affluent women, but we're getting all kinds."

While dog clothing has been on the scene for many years, Silver says it is only in the past few that it "went upscale."

Her line includes every-

thing from camouflage style "Rambo coats" to white tie and tails, all available in sizes to fit the gamut of species.

Raincoats, varsity sweaters, gold and silver lame jackets, sailor suits, top hats and sombreros are all popular items this season.

Prices range from \$15 to \$45.

"There are a lot of people out there whose dogs are like children to them," Silver said.

Parents tend to rely more on their pets for companionship after the children leave the nest, Silver says, and with our aging population she predicts "this is just the beginning of a boom."

Bonnie's husband Robert, who is in the construction business, is an enthusiastic supporter and participant in The Canine Collection.

"He does most of the selling," she said. "He loves it. I think he's nuttier than I am."

The Silvers also arrange dog birthday parties (doggie-dos?) and "Tupperware-style" parties to sell clothing and accessories.

At the birthday parties, "we have music, party hats, balloons and napkins," Silver said.

"We get them (the dogs) all dressed up and sit them



Hot dog model Bosley shows off a piece from The Canine Collection while proprietor Bonnie Silver looks on.

at a table and we serve them Fido cookies.

"Ladies are funny. They like to get together with their dogs and their friends. It's fun."

The star model of The Canine Collection is young Bosley Silver, a 5-pound white toy poodle

who is becoming a veteran clothesdog.

Bosley was a little nervous on the occasion of the CJN's visit as he modelled the latest looks. Truth be told, he was downright nauseous.

It seemed that there was some talk around the house

of a second pooch joining the family — Bosley's top dog status was threatened.

It's a good thing he was out of the room when Bonnie announced that if all continues to go well with her canine line, she is "thinking about branching into cats."

David Findlay launches own line

David Findlay MacDonnell, the designer behind the successful Kettle Creek Canvas Co., has launched

his own line under the label David Findlay.

Having always considered comfort a must, Find-

lay wanted to carry his approach into another dimension. His fall/winter line of dressier sportswear and dresses, "incorporates basic stylings, traditional fabrics and simple silhouettes to create wearable clothing," says Findlay.

Findlay has designed 40 styles for fall/winter. The collection features long wool flannel jackets over pleated or straight skirts,

softly draped wool jersey dresses and high styled denim co-ordinates.

Findlay has included skirts that stop at the knee in his group, but has found the emphasis is still on the longer length. Colors include navy-white, black-cream, brights and earth tones.

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Fashion

From sweats to office wear and beyond

Artist signs every glittery garment she designs

By
VIVIEN SHARON

The Gitterbug specializes in hand painted wearables that are elaborately detailed. Every item is a work of art, designed and signed by artist Gail Sandler, who is one of the company's partners.

"There isn't one garment that doesn't pass through my hands," says Sandler, 45, who calls herself a primitive artist who has worked in most media. She learned the basics of art by handpainting on white china pieces. Sandler concedes that her creative flair never took off so well until she turned her efforts onto clothes. Each garment that she adorns, whether a jumpsuit, a dress or a 2-piece ensemble, represents hours of hand-painting, glittering, studding, and applique work that often takes her until 3 a.m.

"She is a driven person," says Sandler's co-partner, Debbi Simon, 41, who runs the administrative, marketing and public relations side of the business. "Gail works on pure inspiration. Her ability to translate a concept on to fabric is a real gift," adds Simon, who had to "force" her associate to take off two weeks this past summer.

The Gitterbug, which

has been officially open for one year, started accidentally. After picking up a can of paint and glitter from Queen's Quay and testing their artistry on T-shirts, both women knew they had something special. Neighbors and friends couldn't buy enough of their glittery and fun designs.

From there they moved into sweatsuits that were adorned with more glitter, rhinestones, and studs.

Variety
of colors,
materials

One year later Simon's Willowdale area home, which houses the showroom, is stocked to capacity with \$30,000 worth of inventory. Their winter collection includes separates and ensembles in 100% wool, wool blends and interlocked knits in a medley of neutrals — black, gray, cream, forest green, and pewter predominate.

What is unique, however, is not the cut of the fabric nor the swing



Model wears an interlock knit jumpsuit featuring paint and fabric applique flowers.

of the skirt, but the ornamental applique work embellishing the neck area. Each motif projects a different mood that is either fanciful, taunting, or whimsical.

The portraits, each applied laboriously by hand, vary from flowers to bows, animals to faces, or simply abstract designs. "My head swims at night with ideas," says Sandler, who scouts Spadina Ave. stores for the latest applique pieces in suede, leather, metallic, lace and chiffon.

"The Gitterbug is not just casual wear," says Simon, a former nursery school teacher. "Our designs can take you from the office to the dance floor. Our biggest compliment is to see our fashions being worn with style and confidence."

While both partners concede that they have considered opening their own retail store, they decided to reject the idea. They have also turned down offers to wholesale their product to boutiques.

"Hazelton Lanes' shops are dying for our line," Sandler admits. "But I cannot do wholesale handwork. When you go into production you lose individual quality control as

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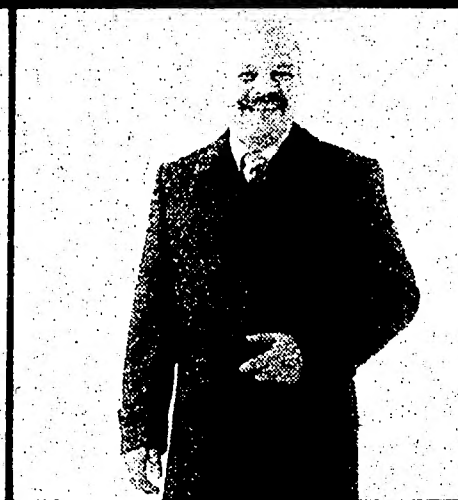
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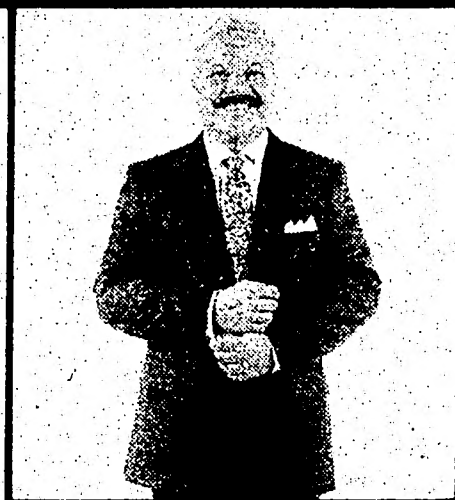


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Fashion

Shoes' texture critical fall trend

By
LORI SMITH

This year Capezio Shoes is celebrating two very significant anniversaries.

It was 100 years ago that Salvatore Capezio opened his first shop in New York, and it was 10 years ago that the Markowitz family brought Capezio stores to Toronto.

David Markowitz, representative of the family-owned and managed Capezio chain in Toronto, says that they have celebrated the Capezio anniversary by completely renovating the store in the Bayview Village Shopping Centre.

The store, which was renovated under the direc-

tion of Yabu Pushelberg, is a contemporary reflection of the Capezio tradition of flair and quality.

The new Capezio features frosted glass, polished plaster and two-tone granite. The look is functional, casual, elegant — much like Capezio shoes themselves.

This fall and winter Capezio is offering its usual full-range of fashion shoes.

Brown and black dominate the season and texture is the single most important design element.

Markowitz explains that textures in shoes brings out their depth and color. It is a way of making black and brown come alive.

"This season we're car-

rying lizard, ostrich, mock-croc, anaconda and snake in original or stamped leathers. The styles are a simplification of last season's over-embellished silhouettes, and one important look is the hand-brushed, antique finish. It is brown but you can see the black pigment."

A visit to the store offers an excellent overview of what is "in" in footwear this season.

Boots include riding, cowboy and utility styles. The cowboy boot represents a return to a classic. The Capezio version has a shaped toe, traditional heel and textured finish which is frequently combined with smooth leather.

The utility or hiking/combat boot is extremely popular. They come in a variety of silhouettes from low-cut to ankle-high to almost to the knee. The store's collection features the Esprit mountain shoe, waterproof versions and leather boots. They often have a heavy tractor sole.

Markowitz points out that elastic treatments are also important. For example, black patent slip-on flats have elastic insets. Because the elastic expands and contracts easily it offers a great deal of fit and comfort.

Black patent also plays a significant role this season. Here, styles in-

clude the round-toed ballet silhouette, men's slipper-cut shoes and tuxedo bow slip-ons.

And the past also plays a part in the new season. There's a return to the Victorian look exemplified by button-holed shoes with curved Louis heels. And updated Beate boots are back.

Finally, suede treatments are important. Shoes such as spectators and flats combine suede and leather for one of the season's most contemporary looks.

In addition to the change in the Capezio store, the Markowitz' have expanded their Backstage department into an independent retail outlet in Bayview Village.

Backstage, a Capezio department that features clothing and shoes for dance and exercise, includes a private label aerobic wear collection, Flexatard, Tickets of California, Dance France, Danskin, Reebok, Converse, Keds and a complete variety of dance shoes.

Markowitz says that this season texture and color are important, and flower prints, leopard patterns, speckles and different kinds of ornamentation are popular.

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Arts

Korytowski just kept knocking on doors

Wannsee film 'made for whole world' — producer

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO — For Manfred Korytowski, *The Wannsee Conference* — a reenactment of the 1942 meeting of 14 top Nazis gathered to discuss the Final Solution — is a film from the heart.

As the famed Jewish German television producer puts it, it's one thing to tell a group of people, "We don't want you anymore."

It's another to say, "There's 11 million people in our group that we don't want anymore and we're going to kill them."

Korytowski — recently in Toronto for 5 days with wife, Tita, for the opening of his film at Carleton Cinemas — was among the lucky ones to escape the Nazi regime.

His family emigrated in 1937 to Brazil from East Prussia when he was only a year old.

But other family members failed to escape and Korytowski lost a grandmother, aunt and un-

cle in the Holocaust.

Still, Korytowski says he didn't make *The Wannsee Conference* solely for Jews — after all they already know about the tragedy.

"It was made for the whole world," he said through a German interpreter. "You have to be aware of it because this could happen again."

The 51-year-old producer first became interested in making *The Wannsee Conference* following the 1962 Adolf Eichmann trial.

In Israel to interview some of the witnesses for a film about the trial, he read about the Wannsee Conference while doing research at Yad Vashem, Jerusalem's Holocaust Archives.

This led to a half-dozen years of intensive research on the topic.

Later, Korytowski struggled to convince West German network executives, who had always shied away from making such films, *The Wannsee Conference* should be

made. After six years, they finally caved in.

"I was very stubborn and persistent," recalls Korytowski, who helped finance the film. "I just kept knocking on doors."

When the film was finally shown on West German television, it met with mixed reaction.

While the reaction of audiences to the subject matter was predominantly favorable, the reaction of the media and other "official places" was cool and distanced.

By contrast, reaction abroad has been a great deal warmer to the film which has been blown to theatre size.

Exhibited in 27 countries, it has won First Prize for a Documentary at Tokyo's International Film Festival. It has also received awards in Monte Carlo and West Germany.

During early screenings in Toronto, Vancouver and Los Angeles, critics were also duly impressed.

"*The Wannsee Conference* is far and away the finest film of its kind since Shoah," said C.J.N. film critic Sheldon Kirshner.

Korytowski — who lived in Brazil for 16 years after escaping the Nazis, and later moved to Israel before returning to West Germany in 1958 to visit his ailing father — got his start in television producing almost by accident.

After serving two years in the Israeli army, he took a job in West Germany delivering film props, equipment and other supplies.

The job put him in contact with Jewish film producer Arthur Brauner who introduced him to the television field.

Korytowski later became an independent television producer after suffering six gunshot wounds during the rescue by Israeli commandos of a hijacked Sabena airliner in Tel Aviv in May, 1972.



Manfred Korytowski with wife Tita.

The injuries forced the producer — who had been on his way to make a television program on the

Israeli army — to spend a month in hospital.

Korytowski eventually rose to fame after pro-

ducing a 26-part children's series entitled *Pumuckl*.

West German youngsters loved the endearing boy cartoon character so much, a public outcry successfully rocked the country when it was learned the show would soon end.

Korytowski now oversees a staff of 168 at his television studio where the show is still made in what is reputed to be the most successful children's program in German television history.

Yet despite predominantly working the last five years on the show, he says he found no difficulty switching to a serious subject like *The Wannsee Conference*.

"I never want to get fixated — to get put in one slot, one category. I want to be free to do what comes to my mind," he says.

In fact, last year Korytowski made a serious documentary drama on alcoholism. He is currently working on another on the forensic sciences. He is also doing a 1-hour musical program on Israel's upcoming 40th anniversary.

While *The Wannsee Conference* was a longtime challenge for Korytowski, the producer says he already has another film in mind also dealing with Nazi subject matter.

He reveals he is currently thinking about doing a film on a high-ranking German SS officer who managed to save the lives of thousands of Jews by transporting them to Holland.

"Not all Germans were Nazis. There were lots of Germans who did a lot for Jewish people — that has to be recognized too," he says.

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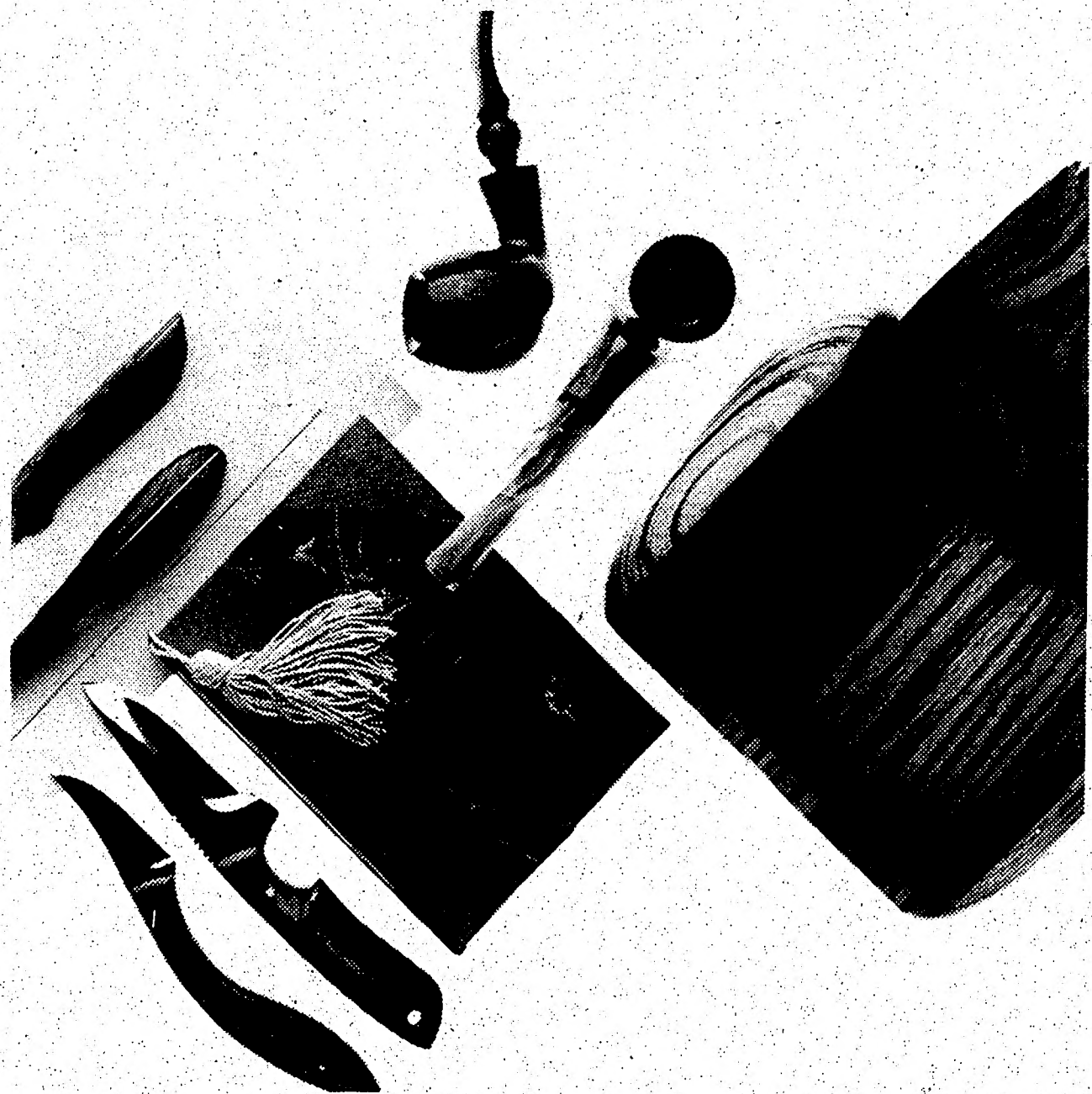
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Arts

Burdman's Tete A Tete and Thompson's I Am Yours

New Canadian playwrights offer two exciting dramas

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO — Two new plays by two new Canadian playwrights opened last week. Despite some inevitable flaws, both dramas are exciting and eminently worth seeing.

It's a pleasure to welcome fresh talent like this gifted pair. They're each strikingly different in approach, yet they'll make you sit up and take notice.

Ralph Burdman is the most accomplished and most unusual of the two writers. He is a Jewish sociologist in his 30s, who has been a teacher, documentary producer, and entrepreneur in the garment trade, and currently makes his living in the Montreal greeting card business.

He is the author of *Tete A Tete*, which is playing until Dec. 20 at Toronto Workshop Productions (12 Alexander St., 925-8640). And it was a deserved hit when it had its world premiere last year, in French and English productions at Montreal's Place des Arts.

Burdman was stimulated to write it seven years ago. He chanced to read a magazine article about Jean Paul Sartre, shortly before the death of the famous French philosopher and ardent Communist, noted for his existentialist book, *Being And Nothingness*, his provocative plays *No Exit* and *The Respectful Prostitute*, who in 1964 rejected the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Burdman was deeply moved to read that Sartre had become blind. To entertain the philosopher thus stricken in his old age, Simone De Beauvoir, the novelist and feminist author of *The Second Sex*, used to read aloud to Sartre, her lover and companion for 51 years.

"I found the scene touching," recalls Burdman, "and decided to write something about their magnificent relationship."

His 2-character play, in which Burdman imagines them together in De Beauvoir's Paris apartment four days before Sartre's death, is touching indeed.

What makes it so extraordinary is that there's nothing maudlin or "stagey" in Burdman's creation. I had expected a 2-hour drama about Europe's two most celebrated intellectuals to be full of high-flown talk.



Elizabeth Shepherd comforts Neil Vipond in *Tete A Tete* at Toronto Workshop Productions.

Instead, it brims with Gallic charm and self-deprecating wit. "A little levity won't hurt our legacy," says Sartre playfully, as he prepares to meet press interviewers in his pajamas.

"Do you mind if I open the shutters of the window?" she asks. And he pokes fun at himself amusingly: "Yes, the sunshine may hide my halo."

What has made their common-law liaison last so long? They both agree: "Love and long words."

Surprisingly, the interplay between them is not static and never ponderous. They dance, they make love, they blow soap bubbles, they sing their favorite jazz song. "Nothing from nothing equals nothing/ You've gotta be something to me."

Though it gets a little draggy toward the end, the action is kept alive because we're constantly aware of the abiding respect and devotion between them.

As she explains, after reading aloud a story based on a romantic fling she had once with a younger man: "We agreed long ago to pursue our individual

passions . . . as long as they didn't interfere with our fundamental relationship."

In part this theatrical love story works because director Robert Rooney has selected two such accomplished Canadian performers.

Elizabeth Shepherd, always one of my favorite actresses, is wonderful as De Beauvoir. A veteran of Broadway, London's West End and Stratford, she was marvellous when I last saw her a couple of seasons ago in the 2-character *Sea Marks* at the Bayview Playhouse.

Here she is at her peak: a bit amused when trying to find the brandy bottles which he has hidden behind books; furious when she discovers he has been off his medications for days; folding and unfolding the bedspread with trembling fingers when contemplating how lonely she'll be when he dies.

Neil Vipond, a member of the first company to play Shakespeare at Stratford, is likewise convincing as the blind, 75-year-old Sartre. Sophisticated and elegant when making his quips, wearing a smile on a mouth that seems nevertheless

about to weep, he maintains an air of insouciance even in the face of death.

Burdman has been working on a musical about the Jewish pioneers in their prairie settlements at the turn of the century. He has developed into a first-rate dramatist, and I look forward to seeing his first musical show.

Judith Thompson, also a Montrealer and younger than Burdman, lacks his craftsmanship.

Her plays deal with grotesques and crazies rather than so-called normal people. Her scenes are often flashbacks to nightmarish dreams. And her characters tend to be roughly shaped and goaded by private demons beyond our comprehension.

Nevertheless, her dialogue can be forceful and biting comic and more earthy than any other on the contemporary Canadian scene. Winner of the Governor-General's award for her 1984 drama, *White Biting Dog*, she is now playwright-in-residence at the Tarragon Theatre.

Her newest drama, *I Am Yours*, is playing until Dec. 20 at the Tarragon (30 Bridgman Ave., 531-1827).

I call it a drama reluctantly, because it might better be described as a mixture, midway between a farce and a tragedy.

It deals with the hangups of women, especially two flaky sisters. One is Dee, a seeming schizophrenic, who paints bizarre pictures of embryos and vaginas, and drives men loony with her irrational ambivalence about sex.

When we first meet her in her Toronto flat at 3 a.m., she tells her estranged husband first to leave, then implores him to come back, then mocks him, "Sucker! I'm using you, you wimp!" Then she begs him once again to return.

Little wonder her befuddled spouse complains, "You're like my 2-year-old nephew who screams for juice and then throws it on the floor."

Yet Dee has the gall to describe her sister, Mercy, as "mentally unstable." Mercy is a wacko who describes herself as a homely woman starved for passion. "If you're female and born ugly, you might as well be born dead," she says, and then beseeches Dee's husband to kiss her and love her up.

A third mixed-up woman is Pegs, the comical, middle-aged mother of Dee's apartment superintendent named Toilane. Her son, with the romantic mentality of an arrested adolescent, says to his gabby mother, "You've got the talk trots."

Pegs agrees, and in one of her many funny monologues, declares, "I

love the sound of my voice. I live alone, and when I talk, I feel as though I'm swimming in a big, delicious vat of English cream."

The improbable plot has to do with Pegs, a frustrated grandmother, scheming to kidnap the illegitimate baby which Dee delivers in her apartment as a result of a quixotic sexual fling with Toilane.

As a drama, it's violent, far-fetched, sleazy and absurd. But it's also tragicomic, and indicates once again that Thompson has a highly original cast of mind that needs codding and encouraging . . . and a tough editor to discipline her excesses.

Not only is it entertaining, but it's worth seeing because of its superb strong cast, which includes Nancy Palk as Dee, Clare Coulter as Mercy, and Patricia Hamilton as Pegs.

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MONTREAL —

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The winner in the English-French Literature category was Miriam Waddington for her book *Collected Poems*.

Pearl Weissenberg-Akselrod won in Yiddish-Hebrew Literature with her book *Y. M. Weissenberg: His Life and Work*.

Tova Shimon received the Jacob Zipper Award for Jewish Education.

Pinchas Blitt won the Chayele Grober Award for Vocal Art.

Arts



Dark Eyes is an Italian-Soviet production.

Based on Chekhov stories

Dark Eyes proves alluring

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Based on the stories of Anton Chekhov, *Dark Eyes* is an alluring collaborative effort by Italian and Russian filmmakers.

Consider the people involved: Nikita Mikhalkov, the director, is a Russian, as is Elena Sofonova, the leading lady. Marcello Mastroianni, the noted Italian actor, plays the part of Romano, a weak, pampered playboy who suddenly falls in love with a Russian woman.

An architect who has not even tried to fulfill his professional ambitions, Romano is married to Elisa (Silvana Mangano), a wealthy heiress. Tina (Marthe Keller), his married mistress, is a family friend.

Life has been good to Romano, but he fully realizes that Elisa's mother is still pained by the fact that her son-in-law is of working class origin.

After a nasty argument with Elisa, Romano goes to a luxurious spa to regain his mental equilibrium. Challenged by Tina's coquettish taunt, he introduces himself to Anna (Sofonova), a delicate thing whom he seduces. Always accompanied by

her little dog, Anna is ready for a fling because she neither loves nor respects her husband.

Anna returns to Russia, leaving a romantic note. Romano, love sick, embarks on a journey to find and reclaim her.

Dark Eyes, playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, opens aboard a ship as Romano, now eight years older and maybe a little wiser, recounts his amazing story to Pavel, a hap-

pily married man.

Premiered at the recent Festival of Festivals, the film is both sweet and bitter, a satisfying amalgam of Italian dolce vita and Russian earthiness.

The Italian scenes are adequate, but those taking place in Russia are unequivocally better. They're more effervescent, far more inventive and scenically wondrous.

Mastroianni is excellent, deftly bridging moods of

gloom and euphoria. Mangano is the quintessential aristocrat, while Keller, a Swiss actress, epitomizes female wile. The Russians are all fine. The sad-eyed Sofonova, in particular, conveys passions of the deep that are always intriguing.

Dark Eyes, which runs 1 hour and 57 minutes, merits attention. Chekhov probably would have been pleased with Mikhalkov's adaptation.

Plaut will be giving readings from two of his short stories

TORONTO —

CJN columnist Rabbi Gunther Plaut will add a new facet to his illustrious career on Dec. 9, when he will appear with Medina Theatre Ensemble in the dramatized reading of two of his short stories, *Train Ride* and *Passport*.

This event, in celebration of Jewish Book Month, will take place in the Philip Smith Auditorium of Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., at 8 p.m., and will be open to the public free of charge.

Well known internationally as a rabbinic scholar, Rabbi Plaut is also a writer

of note. His most recent books are *Hanging Threads*, a book of short stories from which *Train Ride* and *Passport* have been chosen for these dramatic readings; *Unfinished Business*, his autobiography published in 1981; and *The Torah*, a commentary published the same year. *The Letter*, a novel, was published in 1986.

In *Train Ride* and *Passport*, Rabbi Plaut's skill as a story-teller combines with an insight into the human mind and heart to provide several fascinating portraits of people in search of their

own identity. The stories were adapted for dramatic reading by Carol Libman.

The presentation will be directed by Corinne Copnick Spiegel, with Rabbi Plaut leading a cast which includes: Fran Biderman, Nathan Garnick, Irv Hoffman, Janese Kane, Suzann Kronovic, Helen Lyon, Merv Mingail, Esther Rine and Roselle Stone. Music will be performed by harpist Jeanette Goldhar.

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Arts

Swan Lake and La Fille Mal Gardee will please

Dazzlers by National Ballet deserve a big bravo

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

The National Ballet of Canada continues its fall season with two of the oldest and most popular crowd-pleasers in its repertoire.

One is a tragic fantasy. The other is a fluffy comedy.

Both are romances. And both, to mince no words, are dazzlers that deserve a big bravo.

The tragedy is Tchaikovsky's 110-year-old classic, *Swan Lake* (at the O'Keefe Centre until Nov. 29).

It is to classic ballet what *Hamlet* is to drama, Tolstoy to fiction, Keats to poetry, and Tchaikovsky to lyrical ballet music. In other words, no matter how often you've been immersed in it, you discover new hidden marvels in it.

The current production is a revival of the Freudian version of the romantic fantasy choreographed in 1977 by the National Ballet's late artistic director-dancer, Erik Bruhn. In his modernized adaptation, it's the story of a medieval prince seeking escape from a domineering mother who wants to foist a bride on him on his 21st birthday.

Instead, obsessed with fantasies, he is bewitched by an enchantress who entices him in the dual roles of Odette (a pure white Swan Queen who represents virginal innocence)



Karen Kain, shown with Serge Lavoie, is an exquisite enchantress in *Swan Lake* at the O'Keefe Centre.

and Odile (the Black Swan who symbolizes the sexual aspects of womanhood).

The tragedy ends with the doomed romantic driven to leap off a cliff into the swans' lake, leaving behind the Swan Queen fluttering her wings in anguish at his death.

The only weakness in the production is Serge Lavoie's performance as the prince. Bruhn had intended him to be a Hamletian, psychologically complex personality, rather than the traditional card-

board cavalier who is nothing but a consort for the Swan Queen.

But Lavoie, though he has a tall, aristocratic bearing, is a topheavy, stilted dancer (indeed, he literally stumbled on opening night) and exudes as much personality as a stalk of celery. However, he's just 24 and no doubt will gain more confidence as he matures.

He will do well to let Karen Kain serve as his model. Back in 1969, when she first joined the National Ballet, she was given the

gruelling double role of Odette/Odile, and only gradually managed to overcome her feelings of insecurity.

Now, at 36, the principal ballerina from Hamilton, Ont., is at the peak of her powers, and it's thrilling to watch her repeat her dual role. She makes it all seem so effortless: one minute a coquettish human seductress; the next minute a seemingly boneless swan, arms and legs, face and body, quivering with grief.

There is only one way to

describe the purity of her performance, which audibly moved people in the audience to tears. She is truly the embodiment of an exquisite enchantress.

Whenever I see *La Fille Mal Gardee*, I think of the ancient Jewish proverb that sums up the plot nicely: "It is easier to guard a sack of fleas than a girl in love."

It is one of the oldest of comic ballets, having first been performed almost 200 years ago on July 1, 1789, in Bordeaux, France.

The title given to the comedy by its original choreographer, Jean Dauberval, means literally in French "The Poorly Guarded Daughter." A less awkward translation would be, "The Wayward Daughter."

I prefer to call it a "bu-colic frolic." When it was restructured in 1960 by Sir Frederick Ashton for the Royal Ballet in Covent Gardens, that most English of choreographers called it "my poor man's *Pastoral Symphony*."

It became a popular fixture for the National Ballet in 1976, when Alexander Grant, a dancer for the Royal Ballet, was appointed artistic director of the Canadian company, and brought the rustic farce with him.

An utterly charming celebration of English country life, its music is a melange of jolly English folk tunes, and its Yorkshire pudding of a plot blends sentimental romance with pungent dollops of slapstick buffoonery.

It concerns the attempt by the widow Simone to marry off her mischievous daughter Lise to a rich yokel named Alain. But Lise disdains the bumpkin's awkward courtship; her heart is set on marriage to

the handsome, young but penniless farmer called Colas.

Kim Lightheart, the 28-year-old principal dancer from Thamesford, Ont., a relatively recent graduate of the National Ballet School, is a perky Lise as light and airy as her name. She has developed into a delightful comic gamine, especially when she mimes the joys of impending marriage and motherhood.

Jeremy Ransom performs handsomely as her lover, and is a pleasure to watch when he instructs her in the art of making a cat's cradle out of ribbons when they pirouette together in a

maypole dance.

Jacques Gorrisen is hilarious as a man playing the role of Lise's capacious bosomed mother, and was particularly amusing in a clog dance pounding a tambourine on his bottom.

And David Roxander almost steals the show as that simpleton of a hayseed, Alain, who in a very funny climax to the first act is yanked up to the sky in a rainstorm by a red bumbershoot.

It's got whimsy and humor aplenty, perfect as a ballet for children of all ages. I enjoyed it more than any *Nutcracker* that ever tried to crack jokes in classical dance.

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TORONTO —

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Entitled *David Blackwood Prints 1962-84*, the display is the most comprehensive of the artist's work to date. It marks the final showing after a successful 3-year European and Western Canadian tour.

The descendant of a long line of master mariners, Blackwood focuses on the confrontation between man and nature as the central theme of his work. The

source of his inspiration remains the ships, the sea and the people of Newfoundland.

His prints can be found in most of the major galleries of Canada, including the National Gallery in Ottawa, as well as the Uffizi Gallery in Florence and the National Gallery in Australia.

Blackwood will give a special lecture about his work on Wednesday, Jan. 6 at 8 p.m. at the Koffler Gallery. Admission is \$4 and \$2 for members and patrons.

A soiree for gallery patrons and special guests to celebrate the preview of the Blackwood exhibit-

tion will be held on Dec. 2 at 8 p.m.

Revolving around the theme of Newfoundland — the subject of Blackwood's etchings — the soiree will feature the music of Rufus Guinchard, one of the province's oldest and most respected folk musicians. He will be joined by guitarist Jim Payne and fiddler Kelly Russell.

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Creates false impression that all Afrikaners back apartheid

High-powered Cry Freedom probes S. Africa's troubles

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Richard Attenborough is a consummate craftsman who can move an audience.

Gandhi, Attenborough's last picture, was sober but indubitably entertaining. Not surprisingly, he won a slew of Academy Awards.

In *Cry Freedom*, he looks at the racial tragedy unfolding in South Africa, whose system of apartheid is at the root of most of its current problems.

Cry Freedom, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, is based on two books by exiled South African newspaper editor Donald Woods — *Biko and Asking for Trouble*.

The first deals with Black leader Stephen Biko, who died in 1977 after being interrogated by the security police. It is widely believed that his death was caused by their inter-

rogation methods.

Woods' second work, autobiographical in nature, is about a native white South African who learned to detest the government which eventually forced him to flee.

Attenborough melds the two to produce a high-powered film that gives North American audiences a glimpse — but only that — into institutionalized segregation. Unfortunately, he does not adopt a balanced approach. He rightly condemns the government, but completely ignores white Afrikaner voices in opposition to apartheid, making it appear as if each and every Afrikaner supports oppression.

Cry Freedom revolves for the first 1½ hours around the evolving friendship between Woods and Biko, and then focuses on Woods' attempt to leave South Africa. The second



Denzel Washington stars as Black Consciousness leader Stephen Biko and Kevin Kline as South African journalist Donald Woods in *Cry Freedom*.

part is less effective than the first.

When Woods (Kevin Kline) met Biko (Denzel Washington), he was editor of the *Daily Dispatch* in East London, a newspaper

he had moved to the left as his repugnance of apartheid grew. Although Woods railed against the government's racial policy, he was not enamored of Biko, who, as a medical student,

had helped found the Black Consciousness Movement. Woods, a liberal, consi-

dered him something of a racist, and said so in his editorials.

After meeting and getting to know Biko, Woods formed a close friendship with him and revised his views about him, now seeing Biko as a man of peace who could avert the blood-bath increasingly predicted for South Africa. When they initially met, Biko was a "banned person," which meant that he was under virtual house arrest and was forbidden to see more than one person at a time.

Woods, in vain, tried to convince the minister of police that Biko should be cultivated rather than banned. The official, a staunch Afrikaner, pretended to be sympathetic. In fact, his duplicity helped radicalize Woods.

After Woods himself

was banned, he resolved to leave South Africa and take his family with him.

Cry Freedom, with some degree of success, chronicles Woods' intellectual odyssey from an ineffectual white liberal to an engaged man of action. Kevin Kline underplays his role, but in doing so seems to get at the essence of Woods' slightly deferential character.

Denzel Washington is a marvel to watch, but the figure he portrays remains something of an enigma, even at the end.

Propelled forward by a powerful musical score, a blend of Western and African music, *Cry Freedom* paints a graphic picture of the troubles in South Africa. Regrettably, it does not tell the whole story.

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Yiddish dictionary will be popular

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

Educator-scholar David Harduf's newly published *Transliterated Yiddish-English Dictionary* (\$30) will appeal to young and old students of the language alike.

The 185-page hardcover volume, 8½ by 11 inches, is an expansion of Harduf's popular Yiddish-English paperback, a standard in Yiddish courses at day schools and universities across Canada.

The key addition is a phonetic transliteration in Roman letters of every Yiddish entry. This al-

lows newcomers to the language immediate access to the sounds of the words, well before they master the Hebraic letters of Yiddish.

The transliteration, Harduf told *The Canadian Jewish News*, will also help older people who have not read or written the language in many years to freshen their facility.

Contemporary terms include connotations as well as their obvious literal meanings. Nazi, for example, is translated as murderer, or robot.

The relatively large type size and the generous spacing of the entries make the dictionary attractive and

modern-looking for younger students, and easier to use for older ones. The volume's total feel is that of a stamp or picture album: comfortable, informal and friendly. There are no cramped or forbidding pages here.

One criticism is that the transliterations are not broken into syllables; knowing which syllable to stress is important in pronouncing a word.

Harduf, who came to Canada from Poland after the Holocaust, has published a number of standard biblical texts and commentaries, in Hebrew and Yiddish, to which he has added vocalization and pronun-

ciation dots. Most have become texts for day and evening school courses.

An English-Yiddish companion to his new dictionary will be published in about a year's time.

The Yiddish-English dictionary is available at Jewish bookstores in Toronto and Montreal.

A photo of the author's cat Spice is part of the book's introduction. A handwritten note in Yiddish associates Spice with the cat his mother would feed, before she and most of the other members of the family were murdered in the Holocaust. The note concludes with a prayer in Hebrew against the memory of the Nazis.

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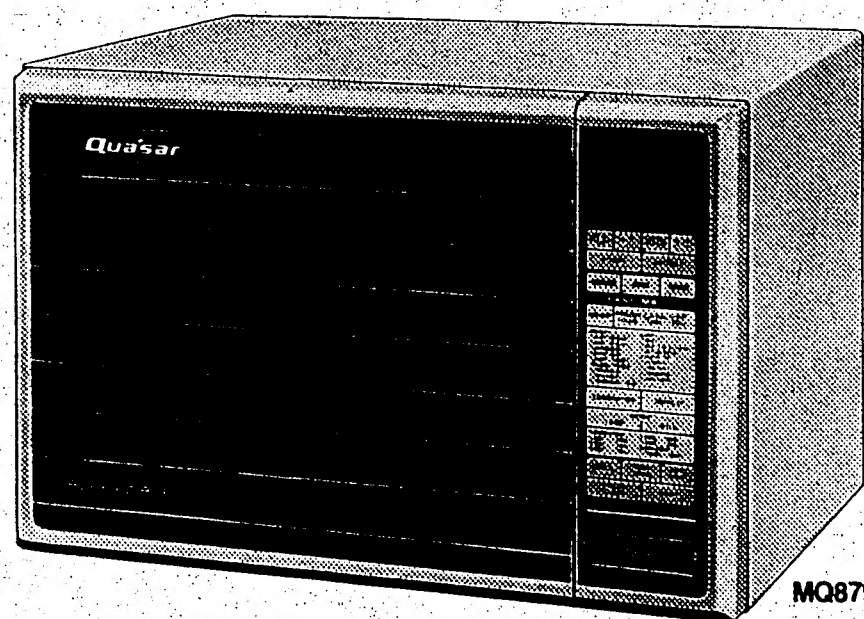
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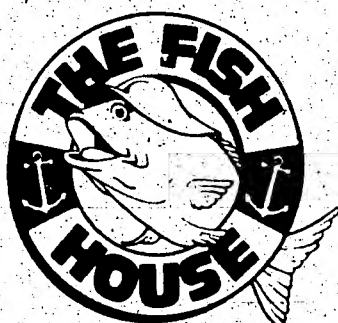
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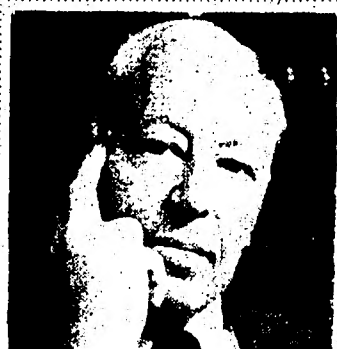
Tensions and Partisan feelings ran high

Christie Pits history recounts events leading to riot

The Riot at Christie Pits, by Cyril Levitt and William Shaffir. Lester & Orpen Dennys, \$26.95.

The evening of Aug. 16, 1933, was hot and humid. At Christie Pits Park in Toronto a playoff softball game was under way between rival teams, one of which had a majority of Jewish players. Several thousand spectators were present. Tensions and partisan feelings ran high. Previous meetings between the two had led to anti-semitic incidents.

Suddenly, a group of youths in the park hoisted a large banner with a



books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

swastika symbol. Shouts of Heil Hitler were heard. Outraged, some of the Jewish ballplayers and spectators rushed toward the flag-bearers, and pandemonium resulted. A free-for-all took place that grad-

ually increased in scope and intensity as reinforcements for both sides were rushed to the scene from the surrounding neighborhood. The melee raged for four hours and as many as 8,000 persons were involved.

Bats, chains and clubs were used. Inexplicably, police remained slow to respond. Fortunately, no one was killed, but several dozen of the injured were taken to hospital.

Following Hitler's rise to power, the Toronto newspapers carried lengthy and often terrifying accounts of the atrocities committed against Jews. There was no lack of information about the Nazi policy to oppose and destroy the Jewish community. Obviously, the swastika, the hated symbol of a malevolent regime, could not be tolerated by loyal and steadfast Toronto Jews.

In 1933 there were 45,000 Jews in Toronto, only 18,000 of them native-born. Unhappily, anti-semitism was a widely practiced and accepted phenomenon. "Not only were entire suburbs closed to Jews, but restrictive covenants prohibiting the sale of certain land or houses to Jewish buyers were upheld in the courts. In certain parts of Toronto signs were posted stipulating that Jews were unwelcome. Summer resorts in the Muskoka region barred Jewish guests, and some hotels posted signs advertising, 'Patronage exclusively Gentile.'"

Toronto was a parochial and puritanical city with strong attachments to the British Empire. Ethnic minorities were tolerated but considered outsiders. The Orange Order dominated the city politically and the wealthy Tories were largely concerned that the police and courts should keep the menace of Communism and Socialism in check.

What precipitated much of the stress that undoubtedly led to the riot was the formation of "swastika clubs" by residents of the eastern beaches of Toronto. These closely knit communities resented outsiders who made use of the swimming facilities, who sometimes changed their clothes in their cars and carelessly left remnants of garbage on the sand. The swastika club parades, with the flaunting of the hated symbol, heightened emotions and deep-

ened acrimony.

The Christie Pits riot, then, should be regarded as an outgrowth of local anti-semitic feeling against the background of the rise of Hitlerism.

The authors, professors at McMaster University in Hamilton, have diligently researched the entire episode and provided engrossing and colorful detail. Especially noteworthy are the chapters that survey the sociological and political atmosphere in Toronto, the reaction of local politicians to the riot and its effect on the Jewish community.

Does an episode of 50 years ago deserve such full-length treatment? Robert Fulford in his foreword makes clear that the book, "describes not only a moment of conflict between races but also the structure of a city's public life: its politicians and ordinary citizens, its newspapers, its police, its attitudes to emerging minorities." "The Riot at Christie Pits" is a valuable contribution to our knowledge of intergroup relations in Ontario a half-century ago, with vital implications and lessons for our own time.

On display at Beth Tzedec

Yiddish cards show past era

TORONTO —

An exhibit of Yiddish New Year and greeting cards, dating from the 1880s to the 1920s, has gone on display at the Beth Tzedec Museum. The 100-odd post cards on loan are a small selection from the extensive Judaica collection of Toronto dentist Leslie Train and his wife Shayne.

In fact, on Sunday, Dec. 6 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Beth Tzedec will be hosting a special showing so visitors can view the cards.

"A century ago, universal postal service was still in its infancy and post card writing was a popular form of communication," says Train. "It was then, when millions of Jews began a mass migration from Czarist Russia and Poland to distant diasporas in Western Europe, the United States, Canada, Palestine and elsewhere, that postcards became a common means of remaining in contact with far-flung friends and family."

Museum curator Samuel Simchovitch adds: "These artifacts provide a wealth

of sociological information about a rich Yiddish-speaking material culture which has now almost completely vanished due to the Holocaust and assimilation."

The generic family portraits shown on these postcards record clothing styles and personal adornments as well as scenes of idealized home settings. The men are usually dressed in caftans and silk top hats, the women with extreme modesty."

Religious,
secular
tastes

The cards reflect both religious and secular tastes. Some depict biblical scenes, an etrog garden, and ceremonies like taslich or yeshiva students reciting the kishma at the bedside of a woman who has just

given birth. Others show technological changes like airplanes, radios and even machineguns.

Some cards are clearly plagiarized copies of Christmas and Valentine's Day greetings, showing angels, cupids, Father Time carrying a scythe, and other obviously non-Jewish motifs. Others depict popular Jewish authors like Sholem Aleichem, Mendele Mocher Sforim and Chaim Nachman Bialik.

Many of the postcards on display were never used. Others bear stamps from once-independent countries like Estonia and Danzig, places whose sovereignty has been swallowed up by history just as their centuries-old Jewish communities have disappeared.

"In putting together this exhibit, I wanted to dispel the myth about our grandparents and great-grandparents which had been popularized by Fiddler on the Roof," says Train.

"The Yiddish-speaking world of Eastern Europe was a very complex place.

It was both rural shtetl and big city. Orthodox and atheist, apolitical and revolutionary, socialist and Bundist, Zionist and non-Zionist.

But above all else, it was an intensely Jewish culture. Whatever crises our forefathers faced, an identity crisis was not one of them."

The Yiddish postcard exhibit will be on display at Beth Tzedec through the end of December. The museum, at 1700 Bathurst St., is open Monday and Wednesday noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. Admission is free.

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"Botanical showcase" inspired by Prime Minister Seaga

Lush gardens a Jamaican highlight

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

OCHO RIOS, Jamaica — Jamaica's newest tourist attraction, Carinosa Gardens, could only have been conceived and planned by an ardent nature buff. As it happens, the person who inspired its creation is none other than Jamaica's prime minister, Edward Seaga, an amateur horticulturalist.

Seaga wanted a botanical showcase and, happily, he has it in Carinosa Gardens, which opened last July.

Tucked away in the steep, thickly vegetated hills overlooking the town of Ocho Rios, Carinosa Gardens is bound to become a major draw for travellers visiting Jamaica.

Visually splendid, it is set in a 20-acre river gorge where one sees gentle waterfalls as well as an enchanting rain forest filled with chirping birds.

The flora, consisting of exotic tropical trees, flamboyantly colorful flowers and delicate ferns, is nothing if not wondrous.

The walk-in aviary contains 38 species, and in the future, there will be close to 200.

A salt water aquarium, filled with colorful tropical fish, is scheduled to open in 1988.

The grounds, which take about 1½ hours to cover,



Carinosa Gardens in Ocho Rios.

are made up of eight natural elements.

The red brick formal walkway, flanked by majestic Italian cypresses, takes a visitor past beds of bright red and yellow canna lilies. The orchid garden contains more than 200 varieties, and the hibiscus walkway radiates with vibrancy.

The fern garden, alongside river banks, includes such types as maiden hair, asparagus, cannon ball,

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Last, but not least, is the wooded area. Here, amid cascading waterfalls, one can find ethereal anthurium, miniature crotons and heliconia plants.

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spinach), tomatoes and cheese.

Upstairs, in the hall of master crafts, is an esthetically pleasing glassed-in display of straw and embroidered goods, ceramics and shell jewelry. Visitors here can also buy a gourmet line of jams, jellies and spices, as well as art work.

Carinosa Gardens opens daily at 9.30. Admission is \$13.50 U.S.

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TORONTO —

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their days working in hospitals, schools, Jewish National Fund forests, institutions for the elderly and handicapped, and archaeological digs. They also attend daily classes in Hebrew, Jewish culture and modern Israel.

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Get-acquainted tour for Egyptians

TEL AVIV —

A week-long get acquainted tour of Israel was arranged recently for nine members of the Egyptian tourism industry associated with the operation of New York-based Isram Tours and Travel Ltd., Israel Travel News reports.

The trip was organized by Isram in cooperation with Air Sinai, the Egyptian government airline that flies to Israel.

One member of the Isram trip who is no stranger to the country was Captain Seedik Lamey, a 4-time visitor to Israel who said that Air Sinai's summer load factor on its Cairo-Tel Aviv route exceeded 70%.

As a result of this success, he explained, Air Sinai has added a fourth flight between the two cities.

For Nova Ali, Isram operations manager for Cairo, this was her first trip to Israel — even though Isram's Cairo operation has been functioning for nearly seven years.

According to Ali, there has been a large increase in the number of tourists to Israel — and Americans in particular — who have been adding Egypt to their itineraries, either before or after their tours.

Therefore, she and a number of her colleagues were invited to participate in some of the tourism activities these tourists' experience and "to see what the tourists we are in contact with see."

Also, Ali added, "it is an

opportunity, at last, to meet face to face and to become acquainted with the people we've been in telex and telephone communication with for so long."

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Travel

"Hardly a community in Belgium without world-famous museums"

Printing museum displays 16th century Hebrew works

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

ANTWERP, Belgium —

For Jewish visitors to this second most populous Belgian city, one of the most interesting museums is the Plantin-Moretus Museum on Vrijdagmarkt (Friday Market). In the 16th century it was the printery of Hebrew bibles destined for North African Jewish communities.

The Plantin-Moretus Museum was in the 16th century the largest print

shop with 22 presses operating, mostly with religious books. It remained as a going family concern till 1876 when it was sold as a museum of printing to the City of Antwerp.

Among the items in the museum is the Biblia Polyglotta printed in Hebrew, Latin, Greek, Syriac and Chaldean between 1568 and 1572. The museum also has a collection of 30 Hebrew books printed in Venice in the early 16th century, old Hebrew grammars and

handwritten Hebrew manuscripts, as well as Hebrew typeface of that period.

The museum is open daily except Mondays and is free.

As an adjunct to this printing museum there is the Municipal Print Room at the same address with a collection of Flemish graphic art from the 16th to the 19th centuries, some 2,200 old drawings, almost 7,000 modern drawings, thousands of copperplate and wood-block engravings, and even material

from the pupils of Peter Paul Rubens.

Of the dozens of museums and art galleries in Antwerp, the best known is Rubens House on Rubens Straat 9-11, where the famous painter lived and worked from 1610 till his death in 1640. The house has been a museum since 1946. It has been fully restored to its 17th century elegance with furniture, tapestries and ornamental gardens. Here the famous people of the time sat for their portraits, here are the viewing rooms where they could come to see progress and finish off their paintings, and where students came to study.

You can visit here daily, except Mondays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and there is no admission charge.

Antwerp, as the third largest seaport in Europe, has a Maritime Museum, which has been a municipal museum since 1842 and is located in a castle-type harbor fortress on the waterfront. There are ship models of all types as well as parts of famous sailing ships, maps, charts, a vast library of some 25,000 books, and data on the life of seamen from navigation to pleasures.

Then there is Butchers' Hall Museum near the Town Hall in the old part of Antwerp, where you can see not only how the Butchers Guild operated over the centuries, but also a section for musical instruments and Egyptian mummies dating back to the 10th century BCE.

Antwerp's museums include one to folklore, to Flemish cultural life, various art museums to famous modern and 17th century painters, one to the brewing industry, an open air sculpture museum, and a 17th century girls orphanage. All municipal museums are free.

In Brussels, the country's capital, there are

more than 30 museums and art galleries. Biggest and best known is the Museum of Fine Arts, filled with the paintings of Rubens, Breughel, Memling, Frans Hals, Rembrandt and many other Flemish and Dutch painters.

In Brussels there is also a Guildhouse of the Brewers, a Royal Museum of the Army and History, a Cinema Museum, a Musical Instruments Museum, the Royal Institute of Native Sciences, a City Museum, the Royal Museum of Art and History, and perhaps the most interesting is the Grand Place. This square, seen either by day or lighted by night, was a 12th century market, surrounded by gabled and spired 5- and 6-storey buildings of the Middle Ages and the Town Hall with its lofty spire built in 1449, 90 metres (295 feet) high.

There is hardly a community in Belgium which does not have world-famous museums and art galleries, some in churches and convents.

The city of Bruges, with its old canals and buildings dating back almost a thousand years, is itself a museum. Major religious paintings are in its old cathedrals. Bruges has a Gothic style Town Hall dating back to 1376 adorned with carved stone statues. A belfry tower nearly 79 metres (260 feet) high, houses a carillon of 47 bells, has a viewing platform and treasure rooms of medieval artifacts.

There is a Folklore Museum, a lace centre, a 15th century stock exchange and an old folks home begun in 1245. The 12th century St. John's Hospital has an old medicine dispensary as well as a collection of the paintings of Hans Memling who lived in the 15th century.

Ghent is another town where the buildings

themselves are museum pieces with the gabled Guild Houses of the Free Boatmen, Masons, Measurers and others dating back to the year 1200. Art and religious paintings are mostly in the churches and Cloth Hall built in 1425. Ghent also has a Museum of Decorative Arts and Industrial Design, a Museum of Antiquities with 17th

century furnishings, and Museum of Fine Arts with paintings from various European schools from the 15th to the 20th centuries. There is even a Lapidary Museum in St. Bravo's Abbey, a collection of medieval buildings.

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Business Outlook

Development will "harmonize with historical surroundings"

Ground broken for Symphony Place condos

By
VIVIAN SHARON

TORONTO —

A ground-breaking ceremony for Symphony Place, a large-scale residential project in the downtown core, took place recently at the ceremonial site located at the corner of King and Simcoe streets, directly across from the entrances of Roy Thomson Hall.

The condominium project represents a unique partnership between the developer, The Rose Corp., and one of Toronto's oldest church congregations, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

The land is owned by St. Andrew's Church, and through a unique cooperative agreement the residences at Symphony Place are being developed and marketed by The Rose Corp. through a subsidiary, Symphony Place Corp.

The ceremony started with the arrival of the dignitaries on board the Peter Witt Streetcar, which dates back to the early 1920s, followed by the Pipers from the 48th Highlanders who led the procession to the site.

The guest-of-honor was Pauline McGibbon, former Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. Also officiating were Sam Reisman, president of The Rose Corp., and Stephen Morrison, chief executive officer of Symphony Place Corp.

"Symphony Place represents a most significant new

residential development in the heart of Toronto's financial and cultural districts," said Reisman, during the ground-breaking.

"It has taken much patience, cooperation and risk to bring this project to its fruition," said Reisman, whose company until now has specialized in low-rise suburban residential development.

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The building will provide 87 luxury condominiums on 25 storeys, a large recreational facility for residents, four levels of parking, and three floors of office and meeting space for the church.

Construction is due to start within the next few weeks with the completion date slated for late spring, 1989. Twelve units are still available at prices ranging from about \$235,000 to \$340,000. The square footages of those remaining range from 840 to 1,340 square feet.

"If Symphony Place is as successful as Roy Thomson Hall, we shall have much to be proud of," said Pauline McGibbon, who was accom-

panied by her husband Donald McGibbon at a champagne luncheon reception at the hall.

"We have had an overwhelming response to this project," said Stephen Morrison of Symphony Place. "The majority of our purchasers are attracted to the cultural, social and business amenities of this area."

"Most are professionals, entrepreneurs and corporate executives who are looking for either a principal residence or else a pied-a-terre for business purposes."

The construction itself will prove particularly challenging, said Morrison,

due to the preservation of the historic Manse directly behind the church. This building will be suspended 40 feet in the air by six concrete columns during the early stages of construction to enable the digging of the foundation and underground parking directly beneath it, he said.

Architect Paul Northgrave has designed Symphony Place to sustain and harmonize with the historical flavor of the surroundings. His primary thrust was compatibility with the neighboring buildings. Consequently, he chose Renaissance stone to match the texture and color of St. Andrew's

Church.

"The triangular shape of Symphony Place maximizes

scenic views and thus cultivates appreciation of the historical beauty that makes the surrounding architecture so delightful," said Northgrave.

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Business Outlook

Huge food store opens with gala reception

By
ANCIL KASHETSKY

TORONTO — "It's the most magnificent store I've ever seen" was Mayor Mel Lastman's description of the Highland Farms supermarket which celebrated its opening last week with a gala reception, attended by over 500 guests, as well as representatives from the municipal, provincial and federal levels of government.

Lastman's superlative was appropriate. Few, if any, other stores in Metro Toronto, or in Canada for that matter, rival Highland Farms for sheer size, volume of goods, imaginative presentation and cleanliness.

"This store is the Rolls Royce of supermarkets," said David Zifkin, a lawyer for Highland Farms, who conducted guests on a tour of the 140,000 square foot food emporium which is located at 4750 Dufferin St. in North York and is one of the largest specialty stores

to be found on this continent.

Its area is more than double, if not greater, the average size supermarket. And as the tour revealed, there is more space to the facility than meets the eye of the shopper.

A 65,000 square foot area is set aside at the back of the store to handle and store the huge volume of foodstuffs, and where the neatness and quality match the customer display area.

In the meat-handling area, a computerized hauling method is used to rotate the goods so that the meat is always fresh. At the front of the store there are 36 checkout counters to ensure the shopper a quick and efficient exit.

Zifkin said the extraordinary top quality and freshness of the foodstuff, the unusual color coordinations of the massive floor displays, and large space between aisles combine to make the Highland Farms "the creme de la creme of supermarkets."

Zifkin said the store is aimed at anybody who appreciates good value and quality prices and that its North York location reflects a microcosm of ethnic Ontario. "However, its really a regional store, which will attract people from within a 25-mile radius."

Although the store doesn't stock kosher meat, Jewish shoppers are well serviced with a variety of bottled and packaged kosher products. The store will also have a full selection of Passover items.

The store is owned by brothers Charles and Louis Coppa who are not newcomers to the food retailing business. Beginning as young boys working at a fruit market after school, they opened their own 3,000 square foot supermarket in 1963. The formula to their success is stated by Louis Coppa's business credo, "To provide shoppers with the best brand names, the freshest food in a clean environment with friendly personalized service."

Speaking at the evening ceremonies, which also included the cutting of a giant cake, Mayor Lastman offered congratulations and a mazel tov to the Coppa brothers, then presented them with a scroll on behalf of the city of North York. "May you always pay your property and business taxes on time," he joked.

The mayor in return received a photograph of himself from Charles Coppa, who told the gathering that the corporate aims of the new flagship store would be the same as the original store in Toronto's Parkdale in 1963. "The finest and freshest products at the best possible prices, as well as a staff specially trained to make our customers comfortable."



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\$959,000. Renovated country residence nestled on ravine settings. 5 bdrms. + separate living quarters, 5 baths. Main fl. family rm. Multiple fireplaces. Bleached oak kitchen. Harold Hillman 483-4337.

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An exquisite English Tudor residence overlooking spectacular ravine. Richly paneled reception hall, grand living room, separate dining room. Main fl. Library and family rm. Elaine Chelin, 483-4337.

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\$379,000. 3 bdrms. + tandem 4th. Updated kitchen & baths. Fireplace in living rm. Paneled dining rm., Music rm. Fin. rec. rm. Lots of wood & leaded windows. Harold Hillman 483-4337.

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\$699,000 Three new homes to be built, 5 bdrm. plans featuring main floor den, laundry, family and powder rms., 4 baths/2 en-suites; double garage, skylights, kosher kitchen, every luxury, 1988 possession. B. Mandell 481-3443.

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\$449,000 Elegance with pizzazz! Immaculate 4 1/2 bdrm., library and family rm., floating staircase, ceramics, pot lites, skylite as well as parquet, lower level fin. prof. landscape, close to all. To view A. Gelbart 485-7611.

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Glencairn Subway, spacious 4 bdrm., over 2,300 sq. ft., pool, sauna, laundry rm., work rm., shabat elev., 2 kitchen, \$295,000. Bathurst/Lawrence; 2 bdrm.; Spadina/St. Clair; 3 bdrm. \$279,000. D. Abraham 783-3333.

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\$239,000 and up for 2 bdrm. corner units of 1,350 sq. ft. in the sparkling new Madison complex. Units have 2 baths, large eat-in kitchens, parking, lockers and direct access to Yonge Subway plus more. Ron Kirsh 481-3443.

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\$228,000 For a bright 1,200 sq. ft., 2 bdrm. condo in the Madison. 5 appliances, broadloom and amenities galore. Subway and stores too! C. Steinberg 481-3443/781-7740.

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\$225,000 Condo with security. A wonderful north Bathurst 2 bdrm. corner unit with spectacular north-west exposure having a balcony and solarium plus 2-4 pce. baths, large eat-in kitchen plus much more. Ron Kirsh 481-3443.

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This condominium is 1,600 sq. ft. (approx.), of luxury at Skymark I. An impressive huge living room is only one of the features. A large eat-in kitchen, 2 bdrm. + an ins. solarium or family room. Laura Barnett 494-6888/491-1444.

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\$224,900 Luxurious condo apartment, marble foyer, open concept, living/dining rm., new white kitchen, ceramics, parquet floors, 2 large bdrms., plus 2 full baths. Walkout to balcony. B. Cygel-farb 223-2110.

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Well kept original owner 2 storey brick home backs on to prestigious Rodeo Drive, full ensuite, very close to all amenities, 1,750 sq. ft., a pleasure to show, main floor family room, double garage. Marion Fischer 881-9131.

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Glencairn Subway: 360 Ridelle, 2 bdrm. corner view, indoor pool, sauna, security. \$149,000. 155 Marlee, 2 bdrm., laundry ensuite, shabat elevator, \$144,000: 3 bdrm. corner, 4 pce. ensuite, \$178,000. D. Abraham 783-3333.

MORE CONDO! CONDO! CONDO!

Glencairn Subway: 360 Ridelle, 2 bdrm., corner, 3 pce. ensuite; 2 bdrm., view, entrance hall. 155 Marlee 2 bdrm. with laundry ensuite, pool, sauna, security. \$149,000 to \$159,000. D. Abraham 783-3333.

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*BAY TOWER - BATHURST CHOICE 2 BEDROOM CONDO

Steps to Wilson Avenue. TTC at door. Near synagogues and shopping. 2 washrooms. 2 walkouts. 2 balconies. Eat-in kitchen. Low down payment. Vendor will hold mortgage. Goldie Kay 635-6677.

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Impressive 5 bdrm, 2 storey. Cathedral ceilings. Main floor family room. \$\$\$ everywhere! Jerry Potok 633-7777.

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Gorgeous 4 bdrm., 4 bths., mn. flr. libr. & fam. rm., open concept, gourmet kitch., 60' lot, \$498,900. Dillon Jones, 731-7111.

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BATHURST-CHABAD GATE — ACT FAST!

Terrific 4 bdrm., lg. fam. rm., ceramics, mn. flr. laundry, appls., lg. lot, \$224,900. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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Super spacious 3 bdrm., mn. flr. fam. rm., skylight, grey & white tones, 6 mos. new, imm. poss. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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Lux. 3 bdrm., townhouse, fin. bsmt., air, upgraded, demand area, near Promenade & transportation, \$199,900. Andy Reti, 731-7111.

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BAYVIEW NORTH — \$189,900

Ultramodern 3 bdrm. semi, open concept, professionally fin. bsmt., Homes & Gardens decor. Must be seen! Marilyn Ray, 731-7111.

BAYVIEW NORTH — PEDESTRIAN'S PARADISE

Spacious 4 bdrm., mn. flr. fam., dble. gar., huge lot. Near all amenities. \$239,900. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

DON MILLS-STEELES — EXCITING VALUE!

Exec. 3 bdrm. townhome, lg. eat-in kitch., fam. rm., firepl., extras! \$186,500. Joey Taylor, 731-7111.

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\$299,900 Unique 2 Storey 2 Bdrm, 2 Full Baths, Bright & Sunny South Facing, LR with F/P, David Fenster 921-1112.

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\$263,800 This House Sparkles! Mint Move-In Condition, Large Loaded, Lovely! Kids Safe St., 4 Bath + 3 Bdrms. + 2 Car Garage + 1 Huge Family R. + Fin. Bsmt., Many Upgrades, To View Call W. Cooper 221-5515.

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\$238,900 In-Laws Too, 3 Bdrms, 50 x 120 Lot, Close to Synagogues, Shopping, Transportation, Joan E. Landy 635-1170.

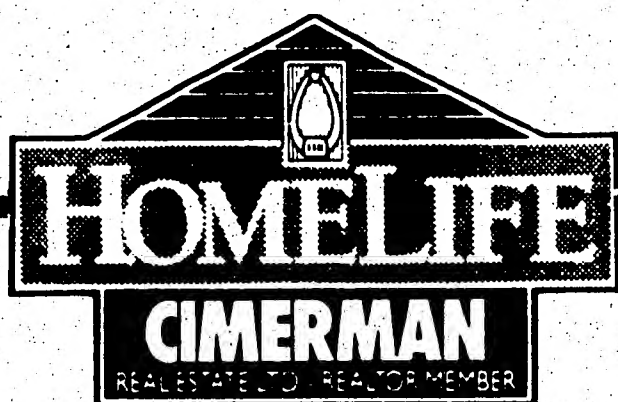
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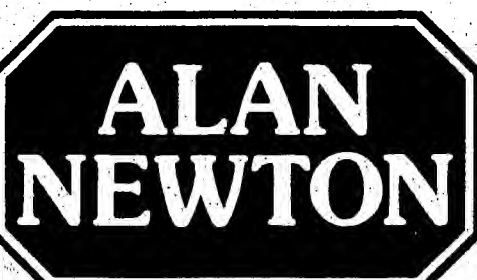
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Detached backsplit nestled on a quiet street. 4 bdrms, 3 baths. Fam rm with open fireplace. Spacious rec room. Eat-in kitchen. Immediate possession. Call Gary Freedman 661-8022.

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Exceptional value! French doors in living & dining rms, upgraded kitchen, 17' family rm. Adeana Axler 764-7200.

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YORK MILLS UPGRADED 4 BDRM
\$599,000 Exec home on excl Cres! Lge Prin rms, mn flr fam & indy, 4 baths, Custom b/i's fin bsmt, neutral decor. Carol Greenglass 226-1987.

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Det brick FAG, 4 bdrm, 25 x 150 LR w/frpl, hdwd flrs., immed poss., ready for Reno. Excellent location. Mige. Marg Hutchison 488-2875.

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Charming Exec home, 4 bdrms, 3 baths, Mn flr fam rm & indy hdwd, huge lot. Howard Feldberg 226-1987.

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\$299,900, 1,543 sq ft on 4th floor, look here before you buy another condo. Myrna Stone 488-2875.

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Move in! Grey and white decor - 3 bdrms, 4 baths, finished bsmt \$189,900. E. Weinstein 488-2875.

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BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Change attitudes to improve strategies, says author

Women's financial options outlined in book

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

Women tend to use different financial strategies than men, preferring safe investments with easy access to funds, says the co-author of a financial guide for women.

Women also seem to shy away from services offering free investment advice, often using amateurs to get financial information, Susan Weidman Schneider says.

There are many reasons for women's different approach than men, but part of the problem may be demographic, says the co-author of *Head and Heart, Financial Strategies for Smart Women*.

Women still earn less on average — about 64 cents for every \$1 earned by men.

In several post-war generations in Canada women marrying middle-

class men have been discouraged from working. This has left some women with no pensions or security in their old age.

And when women have worked, they've tended to go into lower-paying professions.

This phenomena has thrived despite the fact women live on average seven years longer than men, Schneider says. Women need more money than men at the end of their lives, but ironically they have less.

Adding to the situation has been the tendency of males in families to pass on financial information to sons, leaving daughters in the dark.

"Money matters were considered to be male turf in a lot of families," says the 43-year-old Winnipeg-born author, recently in town to promote her book.

Head and Heart — co-authored with long-time friend Arthur Drache, an Ottawa tax lawyer and

author — attempts to go beyond these demographics, attempting to give women "friendly" financial coaching with illustrative examples.

"Unlike the dozens of financial guides published to date for women, *Head and Heart* outlines all the financial options that face women today, whether they be single, married, cohabiting, divorced, or widowed," says a news release from the book's Macmillan of Canada publishers.

"It shows them how their attitudes affect important decisions about money, and how they can change those attitudes to take full advantage of those options."

Still, not all the differences in women's financial strategies are negative, says Schneider, who lives in New York.

Because it is more

difficult for women to get business loans, women who approach banks tend to have better thought out business ventures which are more likely to succeed than those of men.

Schneider says it's increasingly becoming important for women to learn new financial strategies.

"We're living in a new era where women are earning more than they ever did and a large proportion of women will be single at age 50."

According to Statistics Canada, 75% of all Canadian women will be single by age 50 through divorce, widowhood, by choice and other reasons, she said.

Schneider, who received her Masters in English from Case Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, began her career in 1968 as a freelance journalist.

She is currently editor



Susan Weidman Schneider

and president of Lilit, a Jewish feminist magazine which she founded in 1976.

"The magazine met a need in the 1970s that has still not changed even in the late-1980s," she says.

Among the many women's issues the magazine investigates are quality

Jewish daycare for working parents, inequities in Jewish divorces, the Jewish stake in abortion rights, mid-wifery in the shtetl and modern times, and women's health concerns.

Schneider says feminism has an important role to play in Judaism.

"Judaism believes the world is imperfect and our task is to repair it and certainly feminism is engaged in this." In fact, the seeds for today's feminism may come from the Torah, which teaches individual dignity and respect, she says.

Lilit, which gets support for its non-profit New York-based operations mainly from contributions and grants, recently set up the Lilit Foundation for donations in Canada. The foundation's address is c/o Drache, Rotenberg, 81 Metcalfe St., 9th floor, Ottawa K1P 6K7.

"We're taken very seriously even within the Orthodox community."

Annual subscriptions for the glossy quarterly magazine are \$20 (U.S.). For more information, write to Lilit Publications, Inc., 250 W. 57th St., New York 10107 U.S.A.

Spicer to address BB Rights Awards

OTTAWA —

The Citizen editor, Keith Spicer, will deliver the keynote address at the 13th annual Media Human Rights Awards being held this year at Ottawa's National Museum of Natural Science on Dec. 7.

The sponsor is the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada.

"The awards give recognition to the role the media play in furthering human rights education and sensitizing the Canadian public to the dangers of human rights abuses," said a BB spokesman.

Initiated in 1975, the awards are presented in early December to mark International Human

Rights Day, in the categories of print, radio, and television.

The Citizen is the only English-language newspaper in Ottawa.

Eli Rabin, chairman of this year's awards program, stated: "We have received a record number of award submissions from both large and small media organizations from all parts of the country in both official languages."

Harry Bick, the League's national chairman, said Ottawa was chosen as venue to underscore the government's role "in providing leadership on the human rights issues of the day."

Israeli prof wins McLuhan award

TORONTO —

The winner of the 1987 McLuhan Teleglobe Canada Award is Prof. Elihu Katz of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The biennial international award in communications, worth \$50,000, is awarded by the Canadian commission for UNESCO in association with Teleglobe Canada.

Flora MacDonald, federal communications minister, will present Katz with his prize at a ceremony Dec. 2 in Toronto.

Katz, the Karl and Mathilde Newhouse Professor of Communications and Sociology at The Hebrew University, is internationally known for his work in communications. His research has ranged from the interrelationship between personal and mass communications to the conditions under which mass media can be effective agencies of change.

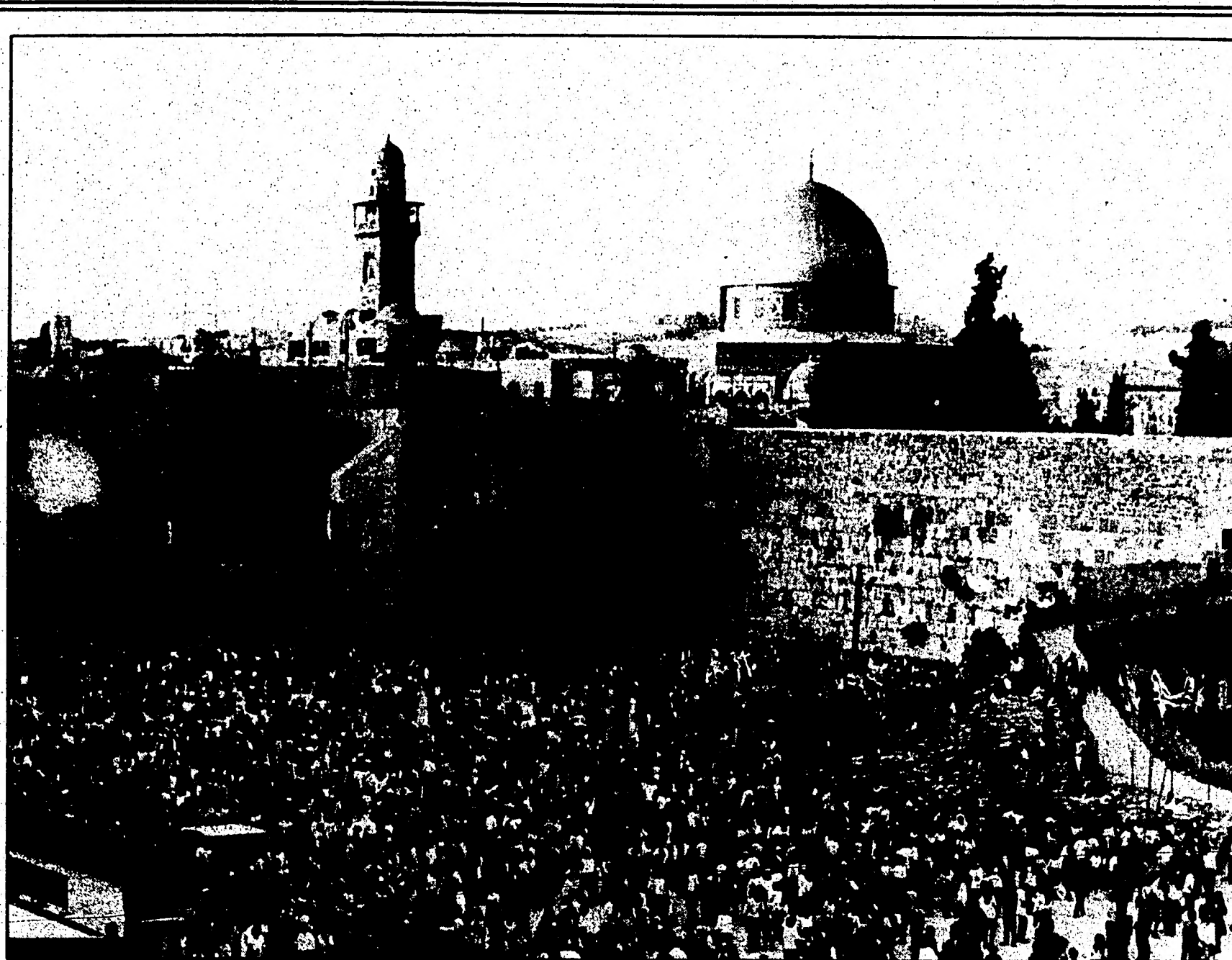
He has recently been

researching "media events," such as the Sadat visit to Jerusalem, the Olympics and the Pope's visit to Poland, and also how different cultural audiences relate to American TV shows.

Twenty years ago, Katz served as founding director of Israel Television. He also founded The Hebrew University's Communications Institute, which he headed until 1980.

The award, established in 1983 as a tribute to the late Canadian communications professor Marshall McLuhan, is presented to individuals or groups whose work "has contributed to a better understanding of the influence of communications media and technology on society and on its cultural, scientific and artistic activities."

A jury of five Canadians selected Katz as the winner from candidates put forward by 22 national commissions for UNESCO.



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Ethiopia Jews face drought, persecution

By **JOEL YANOFKY**

MONTREAL —

Despite the success of Operation Moses in 1985, which saw many thousands of Ethiopian Jews airlifted and resettled in Israel, there are still 25,000 Jews left behind, according to the Hillel Task Force for Ethiopian Jewry.

Most of those are threatened by yet another drought and by persecution from the Marxist regime now in power. Most remaining are women, children and the elderly, separated from families in Israel.

But their fate has not been forgotten by the Israeli government. "Don't listen to anyone who tells you Israel is not using its political clout and doing everything it can to get them out. Anyone who tells you that is an inciter and a liar," said Rabbi Yacov Vainshtein, director of Israel's Ramat Schapira Youth Centre, which is assisting in the absorption of Ethiopian Jews by providing a specially designed leadership training program.

Speaking at a recent conference on The Unfinished Exodus of Ethiopian Jewry at the Beth Ora Synagogue, Vainshtein bluntly told an audience of about 50 people, many of whom were Ethiopian Jews now living in Montreal, that the only place for the Ethiopian Jew is Israel.

"As for those of you here, I hope it's only temporary. There is no future for Ethiopian Jewry in Montreal, or anywhere outside Israel. The future is only in Israel. . . . If this is true for strong communities in North America, it's especially true for weaker ones."

Vainshtein, a former director of immigration in Israel, traced his own involvement with Ethiopian Jewry back to 1949. He was in Yemen at the time, working on the final negotiations of Operation Magic Carpet — a project to rescue Yemenite Jews — when he learned about the Jewish community in Ethiopia and subsequently visited Ethiopia.

Once there, he attended a religious service held by the Jewish community. He was impressed, but he acknowledged that he was also a bit shocked. While Vainshtein had no trouble accepting that these people were genuine Jews, he also

realized that, unlike any other exiled community wishing to return to Israel, there was no program to welcome them.

"At that time, their lot was not good, but it wasn't desperate either. Truthfully, they were not a priority on the aliya agenda."

According to Vainshtein, the main priority for Ethiopian Jewry, which had been cut off from the traditions of Judaism for so long, was education: "They were not Sephardi or Ashkenazi. In Israel's integration of returning tribes, I wondered where they belonged, where they'd fit in. We knew we had to do a lot of groundwork. . . . So that when it came time for their aliya we would be prepared."

After Operation Moses, Vainshtein became involved in the integration process. At the Ramat Schapira School, a group of 28 Ethiopians in their 20s has been trained in a variety of fields. Despite the understandable culture shock and traumatic situation of these students, they were eager to learn. "They kept our faculty going morning, noon and night."

Another priority has been to make sure this new community has its own spiritual leaders. To that end, and at the urging of Yosef Hadane, the chief rabbi of the Ethiopian community, a project has been set up to teach halachic practice in a way that will allow presentation of Ethiopian customs and tradition.

The dual purpose of the conference was to alert the public to the challenges still facing Ethiopian Jews in Ethiopia as well as Israel and to pay tribute to Yona Bogale, a leader of the Ethiopian Jewish community who died last August.

Other speakers included Galila Charness, a representative of the Hillel Task Force for Ethiopian Jewry; Stan Cytrynbaum, the national chairman for the Canadian Jewish Congress's committee for Ethiopian Jewry (the sponsoring organizations); and Beth-El Tilahun, a member of the Ethiopian community in Montreal.

Tilahun, a student at Bialik High School, described Bogale as "a bridge between the Ethiopian Jews and the rest of the Jewish world. . . . When he died we had lost our 'gatherer' — one of the greatest men in our history."

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